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REDS FIGHT TO HOLD FOOTHOLD ON HAINAN

Remnants of big invasion force break encirclement

GUERRILLAS ATTACK

Hoihow, April 19.

More than 1,000 Communist troops at Linkao fought desperately today to retain their foothold on Hainan Island until reinforcements arrive.

Russians taking over Sinkiang

Taipei, April 19. Pro-Nationalist reports said China's far North Western province of Sinkiang (Chinese Turkistan) was being rapidly converted into a Soviet Russian military camp.

This process, the reports said, had followed recent conclusion of a pact between Moscow and Red China for joint exploitation of Sinkiang's oil and mineral resources.

The Russians, the reports alleged, were pouring two brigades of troops into Sinkiang and planned to settle 100,000 Soviet citizens there in the next few months.

Sinkiang was recently named by the United States Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, as one of the areas which he charged Soviet Russia was detaching from China.

Sinkiang, with an estimated area of more than 600,000 square miles, is by far the largest province in China.—Associated Press.

McCarthy prompted by KMT

Washington, April 19. Mr. Frank Buchanan, Democratic chairman of the House lobby investigating committee said today "there is no question" but that the Chinese Nationalist lobby had been supplying information to Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy.

He said his committee made a preliminary check of individuals whom Professor Owen Lattimore claims were responsible for Senator McCarthy's charges that the Far Eastern expert is a Communist. He said since there were no violations of the lobbying law, no further investigation was planned "at the present time."

Professor Lattimore specifically mentioned Mr. Alfred Kohler, a wealthy New York importer of Chinese textiles, and Mr. William Goodwin, who registered last year as a lobbyist for the Nationalist government.

Mr. Buchanan said Senator McCarthy's "ghost writers" include former Republican Charles Kersten. He said Mr. Kersten and his associates worked with the China lobby in room 813 of the Congressional Hotel—right across the street from the House office building.

"We spotted and checked and followed them," Mr. Buchanan said. "There is no question they have been feeding Mr. McCarthy information."—United Press.

These troops, the remnants of the invasion force estimated at 6,000, broke out of their initial containment and escaped into the hills, where they are still holding out this afternoon despite aerial bombardment.

At the same time, the guerillas opened a general offensive with a series of small actions designed to ease Nationalist pressure on the Communist troops.

Nationalist planes and warships carried out day and night bombardment of the embattled Communist force as well as junks along the Luchow coast and in Hainan Strait. A second fleet estimated at 200 junks, attempting to reinforce the initial assault waves, was bombed on Tuesday afternoon.

Nationalist warships have temporarily blockaded the Strait. Fighting continued today on the Northern coast of Hainan but there was little or nothing to indicate exactly how it was going, reports Associated Press from Taipei. The little information available in Taipei was largely of a negative nature.

An official spokesman said no Communist reinforcements had landed on the Red beachheads, nor had any Communist planes so far taken part in the battle.

The spokesman expressed the opinion that if the invaders were not reinforced in three days, they would be completely wiped out. Rumours were about that the picture given in Nationalist reports from Hainan was much rosier than actual conditions warranted.

Reds entrenched

According to these rumours the Reds were firmly entrenched in a 15-mile-long stretch of coast and at some points had penetrated four or five miles inland.

The feeling was that once this was fully ascertained, the Reds would reinforce their positions no matter how many casualties they might suffer in the process.

On the favourable side of the picture was the fact that Civil Air Transport, Inc., was still continuing air services through Hoihow and no suggestion had been received from CAT representatives there to withdraw.

General Hsueh Yueh, defence commander of Hainan, was said to be directing Nationalist operations from the little town of Miao-pu near Hoihow, the island's capital city.

Governor in Taiwan

Authorities disclosed the arrival in Taipei yesterday of General Chen Chi-tung, Governor of Hainan who, it was stated, had come to ask the Nationalist high command for instructions.

Chen was credited with saying that the morale of the Nationalist forces on Hainan was very high and claiming the invaders were "well contained."

Press dispatches from Hainan recorded further attacks by Nationalist warplanes along the coast of the Luchow Peninsula opposite the island.

HK priests released after detention by Reds near Macao

Three Irish Jesuit Fathers from Hong Kong — Fathers Taylor, Cryan and Foley—were released yesterday by the Communist authorities after being detained for more than a week in Chinese territory near the Macao border.

The Fathers were on a visit to Macao and were seeing the sights when they inadvertently crossed the border into Chinese territory.

One of them carried a camera and had been taking photographs of Macao.

They were taken into custody by the Communists on April 11 and detained until yesterday. They are now back in Macao.

Australian warning on Malaya situation

Sydney, April 19.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Australian Defence Minister, warned today that unless the Communist guerilla forces in Malaya were destroyed in the immediate future they "must add to their numbers by the sheer force of intimidation."

Mr. Harrison, who was speaking at a Press conference before his departure for Britain as Resident Australian Minister in London, said it was "completely fantastic" that British forces should not be in complete control of the Malayan terrain.

"Until we display the ruthlessness that was responsible for building the Empire in the early days, equalling the intensity of that shown by the guerilla forces, there can be no peace in the countries threatened by Communist infiltration," he declared.

Mr. Harrison said he proposed to make Britain realise that Australia's destiny was largely determined by geography.

If the Western powers recoiled from the Far East to any great extent, a resurgent Japan might well repeat its earlier performances.

More troops land near Macassar

Jakarta, April 19.

Reliable Dutch military sources said the Central Indonesian Government today landed 2,000 troops South of Macassar, scene of a recent revolt against the Jakarta Government.

These sources, who have maintained good communications with Macassar—capital of the state of East Indonesia—said no fighting had been reported as a result of the landings.

Rebel Indonesian soldiers, former members of the Dutch Army in the Indies, seized Macassar, in the South Celebes, two weeks ago. The leader of the revolt, Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, surrendered to the central government last Friday and now is in prison in Jakarta.

Indonesians disarmed

An official Dutch Army spokesman today said 300 Indonesian troops who took part in the rebellion had been disarmed, indicating the incoming federal troops might encounter little opposition.

The spokesman denied a report, however, that the Dutch had disarmed all Indonesian members of the KNIL—the Dutch army in the Indies—in the South Celebes area. It had been considered possible these forces, numbering 4,000, might join in the revolt if federal troops were landed.

The landings, which Indonesian Army headquarters said a week ago could be expected "at any time," were made today in two waves.

Lack of confirmation from Indonesian Army headquarters of the troop movement was attributed here to a communications lag.—Associated Press.

Russia gaining in arms race, U.S. official says

San Francisco, April 19.

Mr. Stuart Symington, Secretary for Air, today warned Americans that Russia was now capable of unleashing the world's largest army, air force and undersea fleet against the United States at a moment's notice.

In a speech here, he added that the Soviet Union was steadily widening its armaments advantage over the United States and her allies.

Mr. Symington, who is to give up his post shortly to become Chairman of the United States top security body, the National Security Resources Board, told the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce that Russia had been increasing her armed forces steadily since the end of the war.

Mr. Symington said the United States would have to consider "with equal concern" the following facts:

1. Behind the Iron Curtain there had been an atomic explosion.
2. Soviet air equipment was capable of delivering a surprise attack against any part of the United States.
3. The United States today had no adequate defence against such an attack.

"These statements of fact show all too clearly that the Communist leaders in Russia are steadily widening their armaments advantage over the United States and its allies," he added.

Note endorsed

Morning newspapers in New York today endorsed the United States note to Russia on the shooting down of the Privateer with even the "Daily News," which usually opposes the Government's foreign policy, calling it the "wisest move that could have been made under the circumstances," adds United Press.

The "Times" editorial said: "This incident, especially in view of the accompanying circumstances, is important not only because it involves American lives but because it betrays the depth of Soviet hostility even greater than might have been suspected."

"In these circumstances, while striving to do everything in its power to prevent a recurrence of such incidents, our Government can do no less than demand full satisfaction from a more lenient attitude encourage the Soviets to subject the American position to further similar test. We are convinced that the nation will support this stand."

The "Herald-Tribune" said: "Whatever the circumstances, the Russians have convicted themselves of recklessness, inhumanity and barbarity in international relations which cost 10 American lives, and deserves the stinging rebuke which had been lodged against them."

Call their bluff

The "Daily News" said: "This note takes the kind of language the Communist tyrants understand. Be polite to them and they think you are a weakling. It is the same if you try to appease them. Stand up to them and call their bluff and they at least will respect you—as was demonstrated when the Western powers refused to be blocked and bulldozed out of Berlin."

"We are entitled to hope this note will not bring the United States-Russian hot war any closer, though we cannot state that there is at least this consolation: that on past Russian performance a weak and snivelling note would almost certainly have brought war closer."

"However, how about issuing the strictest possible instructions to United States pilots operating in the Baltic area to stay within our own waters and under no circumstances veer eastward or otherwise provoke trigger happy Soviet fliers? If we got to have planes in that part of the world, let at least allow no shadow of blame attach to them in case any more of these incidents occur."—Reuter and United Press.

Critical audience

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, today put over the "same again" budget he announced yesterday to his most critical audience—the Parliamentary Labour Party.

While the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, looked on, the Chancellor "countered" criticism that his budget lacked "popularity" and would make no appeal to the housewife.

Some Labour Members expressed disappointment that they had nothing tangible to offer constituents if there is another General Election in the next few months.

But the majority of the meeting was willing to accept the iron Cripps' economic logic. The reaction of the Government's trade union following more than 5,000,000 of whom are now opposing the official wage freeze—has still to be tested.—Reuter.

Shanghai police ask for pay cut

Officers and men of Shanghai's Whangpoo police station have joined a long list of labour organisations who have asked for a voluntary cut in pay, according to word from Shanghai which reached here yesterday.

Informants said that the police asked for a reduction in wages to "lighten the burden of the government in view of existing conditions." It was not known what was meant by "existing conditions."

(The Whangpoo station, one of the largest and most important police branches in Shanghai, recently underwent extensive indoctrination. Discussions on re-education, according to government policy, were also held.)

It was understood that the requested wage cuts would go into effect some time this month.

The police were reported to have asked that the savings in their wages be used toward relief or returned to the city treasury.

Several labour groups in the past have made similar requests "as a means to promote business and production," the informants added.—Associated Press.

Cholera in Calcutta

Calcutta, April 19. Cholera took a toll of 272 lives in Calcutta last week—the highest cholera mortality figure in a week during the last 14 years—according to statistics released by the city corporation.

The number of attacks since January 25 when the disease was declared an epidemic totaled 8,334 of which 1,180 proved fatal. Medical experts said this year's epidemic would be more severe than that of 1948 when about 2,400 died of cholera.

The severity is stated to be due to the large influx of refugees from East Bengal and the shortage of filtered water.

The city health officer today appealed to the people to get themselves inoculated.—Reuter.

KINLOCH SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS

Singapore, April 19. A Scottish rubber estate manager, Robert Kinloch, was today at the Assize Court at Kota Bharu, near the Thailand border, found guilty by the Assessor of causing the death, by a negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide, of a 22-year-old Malay girl, Eash Binte Ismail.

Justice F.A. Briggs concurred and sentenced Kinloch to 18 months rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

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THE WEATHER
At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the low pressure system to the East of Japan is moving North Eastwards. A moderate anticyclone covers the East of Japan. Pressure appears to be falling over the Lower Yangtze.

Today's Forecast—Light S or SE winds. Cloudy and warm, with fair periods.

Tomorrow's Weather—
Maximum: 75.2 deg. F.
Minimum: 69.8 deg. F.
Sunshine: 2.5 hours.
Rainfall: 1.6 mm.
Total place Jan. 1—166.5 mm.
Jan. 2—166.5 mm.
Jan. 3—166.5 mm.
Jan. 4—166.5 mm.
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Military asked to release hospital for civilian use

An appeal to the Military Authorities to release the Matilda and War Memorial Hospital to relieve the present acute shortage of hospital accommodation for the civilian population, was made by Mr. J. R. Jones, Chairman, at the first annual general meeting of the Hospital.

Mr. Jones said that it was clearly understood at the time of the requisition in July last, that the hospital would be released in six months' time.

Reviewing the circumstances which led to the amalgamation of the Matilda Hospital and the War Memorial Nursing Home in October last, and efforts made to restart the hospital before the requisition by the Military Authorities, Mr. Jones said:

"With the phasing of the Matilda and War Memorial Hospital Ordinance in October 1949, the Matilda Hospital established under the Will and Codicil of Granville Sharp and the War Memorial Nursing Home ceased to exist as such and became merged in a single corporation in the Matilda and War Memorial Hospital.

"From its very foundation the War Memorial Nursing Home had been closely related to the Matilda Hospital. It had throughout been beset with financial difficulties. Without the generous contributions from the estate of Granville Sharp, which by 1941 had exceeded \$1,000,000, the Nursing Home could not have been built or maintained and it had two wards named after Granville Sharp and his wife Matilda dedicated to the same purposes as the Matilda Hospital.

"At the end of the war both the Hospital and the Nursing Home were found to be extensively damaged and looted. The Nursing Home was left without enough money for rebuilding and re-equipment even after the sale of its damaged premises to the Royal Navy. As for the Matilda Hospital the conditions obtaining after the war rendered it impractical to carry out the original purpose of the trust and it was estimated that to continue its operation on its old basis would lead to the complete exhaustion of its funds within fifteen years.

Only solution

"The only solution to the problem confronting the trustees was found to be in the amalgamation of the two institutions, but the legal difficulties arising out of the trusts proved so formidable that the sanction of Government had to be obtained to the enactment of a private Bill by which the present hospital was incorporated in substitution for its predecessors combining in its name the distinctive elements of the two original foundations. The property and assets of both were vested in the new hospital to be administered as far as possible and subject to the provisions of the Ordinance with a view to ensuring the continuance of the objects for which the original Matilda Hospital and the War Memorial Nursing Home had been instituted.

"In the meantime the trustees of the Matilda Hospital had been occupied in re-equipping, adapting and equipping the hospital for future work at the expense of approximately \$1,000,000. With the advice of Dr. Montgomery, former Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, they had in the delivery of medical equipment and stores, achieved a stage at which they could contemplate the opening of the hospital at an early date after the solution of the legal difficulties attending its amalgamation with the Nursing Home. They had been fortunate in securing the services as Matron of Miss Townsend who had for many years before the war served in the hospital and in the summer of 1949 she went to England with the view of engaging qualified nursing sisters.

"In the beginning of July 1949, however, the hospital was requisitioned for the use of the military forces which had arrived for the protection and defence of the Colony.

"While the paramount needs of the Army Medical Services until suitable alternative accommodation could be obtained were fully recognized, it was noted that the necessity of relieving as quickly as possible the acute shortage of hospital accommodation for the civilian population which had troubled since 1941 would also be realized.

"In these circumstances it was clearly understood that the Matilda Hospital would be released in six months. The lack of hospital amenities particularly for the community for whom the Matilda Hospital and the War Memorial Nursing Home made provision before the war is now gravely felt. It is therefore anxiously hoped that despite the many difficulties the authorities concerned will see their way to relieve the present position by the early release of the Matilda and War Memorial Hospital.

Bright outlook

"A great deal of work remains to be done in structural alterations to the hospital and its approach and in the fitting of equipment and re-organization of the hospital. Although plans are in hand for all this work, it will not be possible to make

much progress or to proceed to engage the necessary medical and nursing staff until an indication of the release of the hospital premises is given.

"The outlook for the hospital, however, is bright. Its financial position is sound and its funds are conserved on the principle that they must be kept as an endowment and that the hospital should be self-supporting and maintained from the income from its investments and from patients who are able to pay. The constitution provides that patients of limited means may as under the conditions formerly applicable to the Matilda Hospital be admitted and their expenses paid either in whole or in part from the income from the invested funds of the hospital up to half the in-patients accommodation of the hospital.

"In order to enable the hospital to make such provision for patients of limited means and to ensure that it need not trench upon its capital, it will be essential not only to maintain its endowment funds unimpaired but also to take every opportunity of adding to them.

"The merger of the funds of the two original foundations and the re-organization and re-equipment of the hospital should enable it to provide accommodation and treatment in accordance with the highest modern standards of efficiency and comfort.

Trustees praised

"In undertaking the administration of the hospital the Board of Governors desire to acknowledge their indebtedness to the work of the trustees of both of the original foundations and particularly to Sir Arthur Moore who was a trustee of both and to whose inspiration and persistent efforts the achievement of the amalgamation of the two institutions was largely due.

"As soon as the hospital premises are released it will be a matter of gratification to take up in earnest the work to which we have been looking forward with eagerness and hope, that of restoring and extending the hospital service which has been so sadly and regrettably lacking since the Colony emerged from the ordeals of war.

"At a special meeting following the Annual General Meeting, Mr. J. R. Jones was elected Chairman, and Mr. C. D. Slade, Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year. The meeting, which was held in the Board Room of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was attended by Mr. J. R. Jones, (Chairman), Mr. C. D. Slade, (Deputy Chairman), Mr. E. W. Roberts, C. J. Roberts, Bishop Hall, Dr. M. Nicolson, Mr. A. G. Clarke, Dr. J. W. Anderson, Dr. H. Talbot, and Mr. J. B. Hart, (representing Post Marwick Mitchell and Company, Secretaries). Rev. Stevenson and Rev. George She were absent.

LEAVE IN JAPAN FOR HK TROOPS

"Negotiations are proceeding between British officials and American authorities in Japan to allow Hong Kong garrison troops to take two-week holidays in Japan.

An army spokesman said yesterday that nothing definite had yet been decided. The plan calls for servicemen in groups of 100, to spend periodic holidays in Japan.

Luna Park burglar gets 15 months' hard

Ho Si-yiu was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour after he was found guilty of the \$15,000 Luna Park Burglary when hearing ended yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central.

Defendant was arrested in Macao following police investigation into the burglary in Luna Park on January 2.

More than \$12,000 in cash was found when defendant was searched after his arrest in the Portuguese Colony. He was also in possession of some gold jewellery alleged to have been purchased with the proceeds of the theft.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo in his judgment said that he had found the evidence of Inspector Koh Hing-chung most conclusive. Inspector Koh stated in his evidence that the fingerprints he found on the broken window glass (which gave access to the office of Mr. Frank Green where the money was stolen) corresponded with those of defendant.

He submitted that his judgment was based on the evidence of the police and the fact that the defendant had been found in possession of the stolen money.

Foreign YMCA in Shanghai expensive

Living in the Foreign YMCA in Shanghai has become prohibitive, according to word received here from that Northern city.

One source writes that many residents of the YMCA are moving to the plush Park Hotel next door, which is comparatively cheaper.

Owing to the strength of labour in Shanghai, the Foreign YMCA is forced to retain its 250 servants of all categories, which works out to about one employee per member. This expense on top of taxes—JMP71,000,000 for land tax—makes higher membership and rentals imperative.

For the price of one month's rent for one room at the YMCA, the Park Hotel offers a two-room suite with all modern fittings plus service.

Reminders

Today

HK Stage Club presents "Gaslight" at China Fleet Club theatre, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK International Women's Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Service Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.

HK Union Church, Ladies Guild meeting 3 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

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Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

HK Art Club, sketching party to Shatin, members to meet at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Toe H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons' Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Public Relations" by Mr. Gordon Harman, 8.45 p.m.

REDS BAN IMPORTS OF CAUSTIC SODA

Imports of caustic soda to Tientsin have been banned "because of over-production" there, a report from Shanghai said yesterday.

Caustic soda is a basic ingredient in the manufacture of soap.

The order was issued by the China Communist Trade Ministry. It warned merchants that "transshipments of caustic soda cargo from Shanghai to Tientsin will be ordered returned to the port of origin."

The authorities now have declared illegal all sales of imported caustic soda in Tientsin, the report added.—Associated Press.

Supplementary provision approved

Legislative Council yesterday approved the additional supplementary provision for the fourth quarter of the financial year ended March 31, 1950.

Explaining the larger items, the Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, said there were two special warrants for HK\$1,000,000 and \$250,000 respectively in respect of the stocks of clothing and equipment supplied to the Defence Force.

This kind of equipment is based on a larger and more elaborate establishment than the one finally decided upon for the Force, and a certain amount has since been returned.

Another item of HK\$1,000,000 is in respect of loans made from interest to three grant-aided schools, St. Mary's and the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools. The loans will enable these schools to make several desirable additions to their buildings, including a gymnasium. They are to be repaid over a period of 10 years.

Finally there is a special warrant for HK\$5,000,000 which covers the supplementary payment to the 24 per cent. Rehabilitation Loan Scheme Fund. Mr. Follows said the loan was always contemplated and that the supplementary payment should be made when the Government decided to raise a supplementary loan.

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From left to right, David Lee, Joseph Woo and Yeung Yiu-wing, Talkoo Dockyard apprentices who have won scholarships for training in Britain.

Engineering apprentices win scholarships for training in Britain

Three engineering apprentices have won the Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Company's 1950-51 scholarship for training in Great Britain.

Two of the boys were formerly educated at St. Joseph's College and Wah Yan College.

The three winners are 20-year-old David Lee, 24-year-old Joseph Woo and 24-year-old Yeung Yiu-wing.

Yeung has been awarded the Talkoo 1950 Scholarship for two years; David Lee has won the 1950 Scholarship for two years and Joseph Woo has been awarded this 1950 special Scholarship for one year.

The Scholarships are open to all Talkoo Dockyard apprentices who have worked for three to four years in the Dockyard.

Although the normal Scholarship is for two years, an additional Special Scholarship for one year has been awarded for 1950 to enable two of the apprentices to be in Britain together.

Yeung Yiu-wing and Joseph Woo will leave for Britain in June, and David Lee will join Yeung in 1951.

The Scholarships will provide for travelling expenses, board, lodging, clothing, technical college tuition fees and pocket money.

In Scotland

During their stay in Britain, the apprentices will obtain practical experience at one of the big shipbuilding and engineering establishments in Scotland. Their technical training will be supplemented by suitable courses at a college.

Yeung was born in Hong Kong and educated at the Hong Kong Government Junior Technical College. His ambition is to become a mechanical engineer. He prefers yard work. His father is a marker-off, and has been at Talkoo for 33 years.

Joseph Woo was born in Malaya and educated at St. Joseph's College, St. Paul's and at Hong Kong's Wah Yan College. His father, now dead, was a draftsman at Talkoo for 20 years. David prefers yard work and hopes to become a marine or mechanical engineer.

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Increased rentals in NT

Some landlords in the New Territories have revised their rentals upwards, but there is no substantiated evidence that the increased rentals demanded are exorbitant, said an official statement yesterday.

Increase of rentals is in part due to the fact that any rentals were very low, and with the increased demand for vegetables and the good profits being made from their sale, it is natural that landlords should expect a greater return on their land, it was added.

Many landlords want to take advantage of the good return on vegetable land by cultivating or managing their own fields, and there are some landowners who wish to settle on the land some of their relatives evacuated from China.

Tenancy agreements concluded during or just after the Japanese occupation of the Colony are expiring or are due for revision. The majority of the paddy lands cultivated by native New Territories villagers is not affected by any of these changes.

Careful investigations have failed to uncover a single case of rack-renting or of renting to a new tenant for a higher rent, concluded the statement.

Omnibus Bill has first reading

An omnibus Bill, which seeks to amend 82 separate Ordinances, was read a first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Bill, entitled an Ordinance to make amendments to miscellaneous Ordinances for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of the revised edition of the laws, contains amendments which are for the most part of a relatively unimportant character, explained the Attorney-General, Mr. J. B. Griffith, who introduced it in Council.

The necessity for each amendment has been seen or noted over the past year or two. In addition there are amendments which have been found to be necessary or desirable in the course of the work of applying the laws as a whole, a work which is now actively proceeding.

Authority for dealing with so many subjects in one Bill is given by section 6 of the Revision of the Law Ordinance 1949.

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KAI TAK TOPICS

The Chinese Air Force in Taiwan has recently enforced a new flying regulation for aircraft approaching Taipei, capital city of the Nationalist-held island.

The new regulation calls for all planes approaching Taipei to avoid flying over the area from a position crossed by 121 degrees and 22 minutes East Longitude and 24 degrees and 55 minutes North Longitude, North and Northward to Taipei River thence North Westward up the river to the coast and thence South Westward along the coastline, three miles off shore to a point near 120 degrees and 20 minutes East Longitude.

If flyers approach Taipei on instrument flying the CAE warns them to navigate with care so as to avoid approaching the specified restricted area.

A woman passenger would have missed her aircraft yesterday afternoon if the Kai Tak staff of the Pan American World Airways had not called back the PAA plane which was to take her to Bangkok.

Originally on schedule to leave for Bangkok at 3.15 p.m., the PAA aircraft tied from Kai Tak's passenger terminal at about 10 minutes to three failing to pick up the woman passenger who, at that time, had not yet arrived at the airport.

When the passenger came at about 3 p.m., PAA ground crew members had to call back the aircraft and let the woman passenger on. By that time the aircraft was warming up her engines ready to get air-borne.

An out-going Pan American World Airways aircraft left here yesterday about 20 minutes earlier than its schedule time.

According to an airport official of the aviation company, the plane had to advance the time of her departure for fear of arriving late at Bangkok, her destination.

He also explained that on Wednesday Bangkok closes its airport earlier than usual time.

Three China National Aviation Corporation DC-4-type aircraft at Kai Tak had their wings, stabilisers and engines dismantled recently.

One of the aircraft was the XT-11, the aircraft which was most severely damaged when seven CNAC aircraft were sabotaged three weeks ago.

Another dismantled aircraft has been painted with a coating of black paint.

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Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon. Telephone Numbers: 50735, 58029 and 59114, or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

April 11, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

On Friday, April 7, 1950, at 7 p.m. at Tuen Wan Village, Castle Peak Road, a Chinese male was knocked down by military ambulance No. 1204692, and received Fatal Injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon. Telephone Numbers: 50735, 58029 and 59114, or with any other Police Stations.

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Increase in violent crimes commented on at Sessions

The number of violent crimes and cases of possession of firearms in the Colony have increased by leaps and bounds in the last six months, it was stated yesterday at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, mentioned this while replying to a remark by defence counsel for a convicted man in the course of a mitigation plea that the case could have been dealt with summarily by a magistrate.

Mr. V. J. L. Dalton for the defence had further pointed out that all the circumstances in the evidence against Lau Ah-yau, convicted of possession of arms and ammunition, pointed to inadvertence on the prisoner's part.

The accused, a farmer, was unanimously found guilty by a jury of five men and two women, who retired for about 15 minutes. He was given three years' hard labour and eight strokes by Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge.

According to the prosecution the accused's house at Tung Mei Village, New Territories, was visited by a party of police officers on the evening of March 3.

While the police were searching the house for firearms, Lau handed them a gun which he took from inside an earthen jar. He was thereupon taken to the police station, where he stated that he had found the gun while ploughing in the fields.

When charged with the offence of possession, accused is alleged to have stated that he did not dare tell anyone of the gun in his house because it was unlawful to have it.

Lau from the witness stand told the Court that after he had the revolver, which was fully loaded, he had intended to take it to the

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- (1) To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the period from 22nd December, 1948 to 31st December, 1949.
- (2) To elect two Directors.
- (3) To appoint Auditors.
- (4) To transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and the Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th day of April, 1950 to the 3rd day of May, 1950 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

L. B. STONE General Manager.

Hongkong, April 20, 1950.

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Mr. Edmund Blunden will deliver a Lecture on "FALSTAFF"

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Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

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CARNIVAL

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"But, Waldo, I WOULD offer you a jelly bean, only I've got just 369 left!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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OPENING SUIT BIDS OF TWO
ONE OF THE functions of the 4-3-2-1 count valuation recommended by Charles H. Goren is its new application to big hands considered for opening the auction with a suit bid of two to proclaim enough strength in hand for a game contract. It would, beyond question be a vastly improved guide for those players who still think it is wise to bid two of a suit whenever they hold 5 1/2 to 6 high card tricks.

There are still plenty who would consider making such a bid with either of these hands:

A—S A K 7 5 S A Q 8 4 3 H 6 3 H A K 6 D A K 2 C A K 9 2

B—S A Q 8 4 3 H A K 6 D A K 5 C A K 9 2

Hand A contains six honour tricks, yet can't even make a contract of one in either black suit opposite a trickless partner with no suit-fit, and would be hopeless in a game contract unless the partner had enough for a minimum response to 1-Club. Hand B would also be hopeless in a game contract unless the partner could respond to 1-Spade, even when the partner was far too weak to answer a bid of one. But opening with a suit bid of two, proclaiming enough strength for a game would forbid partner to let the auction die below the game level except if the opponents stuck their necks out with a bid which could be doubled for more points than the value of a game.

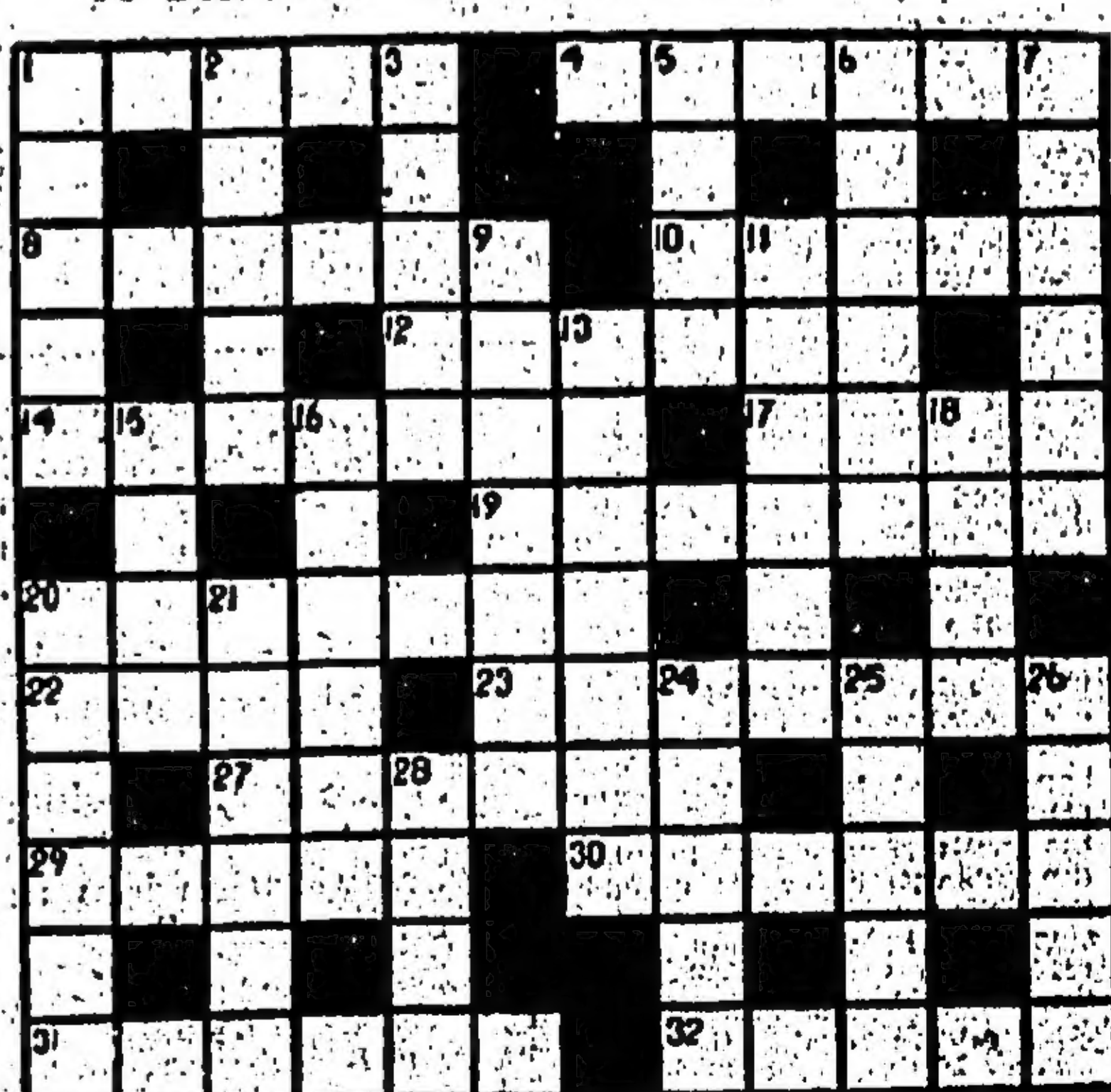
TOMORROW—Responses to opening suit bids of two.

two are:
With a good five-card suit, about 25.
With a good six-card suit, about 23.
With a good seven-card suit, about 21.
He would expect correspondingly more total count if the suit be not too good.
Either of these holdings, however, would soundly qualify for such a bid:

C—S A K J 7 2 S A K Q J 7 4 H A K 5 H A K 3 D A K 7 C A K 10 4 C 9 2

Hand C contains 26 count, made up of 24 for the counted honours plus 2 for possessing a singleton, and hand D contains 23 from 21 for honour cards and 1 each for two doubletons. Wouldn't you rather be in a game contract with one of these hands than with A or B above, if your partner held a weak hand? These two are so much better than the first two that failure to "open" them with a game-demanding "two" would result in a large percentage of all cases, even when the partner was far too weak to answer a bid of one. But opening with a suit bid of two, proclaiming enough strength for a game would forbid partner to let the auction die below the game level except if the opponents stuck their necks out with a bid which could be doubled for more points than the value of a game.

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Across

- 1 Records.
- 4 Frost chief.
- 8 Idle talk.
- 10 Scold.
- 12 Summary.
- 14 Kitchen.
- 17 Measure.
- 19 Piece of em—

Down

- 1 Tense.
- 2 Thru.
- 3 Errors.
- 5 Place.
- 6 Burred.
- 7 Jacket.
- 9 Gift.
- 11 Sticker.
- 13 Obliteration.
- 15 Nation.
- 16 Frighened.
- 18 Rip.
- 20 Extra.
- 21 Recover.
- 22 Jost money.
- 24 Band.
- 26 Chase.
- 28 John.
- 30 Tiding.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Starling, 2. Aves, 3. Repetition, 4. Derv, 5. Athlete, 6. Balcony, 7. Slam, 8. Divorced, 9. Conductor, 10. Hole, 11. Salinity.

DOWN—1. Fair, 2. Lard, 3. Ties, 4. Root, 5. Litter, 6. Dirty, 7. Blue, 8. Pearl, 9. Extra, 10. Noble, 11. Rapid, 12. Cedar, 13. Banks, 14. An, 15. Dull, 16. Dull, 17. Rust, 18. Top, 19. Deep.

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Robber suspect to stand trial

A robbery in September 1947 had a sequel at Central yesterday when Chung Ting, alias Chung Hing, was committed to stand trial at the Sessions.

Defendant was charged with the armed robbery of Yu Ping-hang of a wrist watch on September 4, 1947 near the General Post Office.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. Watson said that a man armed with what appeared to be a pistol accosted Yu and demanded his valuables. All the robber got was a metal wrist watch.

Yu put up a struggle in the course of which the robber dropped two identity cards.

Police constable Leung Bse heard the blowing of a police whistle and chased the robber but lost track of him in Eastern Street.

Nothing was heard until March this year when a Chinese detective arrested defendant.

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COLD WAR WARMED UP

The cold war has been warmed up by the shooting down of the American plane in the Baltic. The incident itself symbolises the tensions that have developed. The attitude of the Soviet Government shows the hostility, suspicion and, perhaps, fear that dominate its view of the United States. It could hardly have behaved differently if actual war existed between them. The American Note asserts that the plane shot down was unarmed; that it did not fly over any Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory or even territorial waters adjacent thereto; and that it was shot down at sea. The State Department spokesman added critical comment on the failure of the Soviet authorities to help in the rescue searches, on the attempt by Moscow to justify its action by impossible allegations, and on the decoration of the Soviet airmen "for shooting down a defenceless American plane."

As an accompaniment to the "world peace" propaganda, which was the sole theme of Government spokesmen in the recent Soviet "elections," and is being carried on by the Kremlin's sympathisers all over the world, it is revealing. This campaign had singularly little substance in it anyway, and when Moscow was challenged—as it was in Mr. Dean Acheson's statement on seven practical steps to peace—it offered to negotiate on none of them but took refuge in abuse.

There was, it is true, a slightly different note in this peace propaganda. It was first noted when the hydrogen bomb controversy was at its height. Any sort of favourable change is eagerly snapped up by a worried world desperately concerned about the international conflict. Nobody with any sense at all wants war or likes it. The practical problem is to find a basis for agreement. Amidst all the professions one looked in vain for any suggestions of a compromise on this or that problem. There was no hint of encouragement even to the neutral uncommitted areas of the world, such as India, whose intellectual and idealistic Ambassador concentrated on a search for such an opening during his mission in Moscow.

It has been emphasised, too, that even on the vague theoretical level the Soviet Union seems to say two different things. There is the "peaceful co-existence" between Capitalism and Communism idea, which has passed quietly into the more dynamic phrase of "peaceful competition." There have been plenty of unofficial schemes put forward in the West, as well as the clear-cut agenda of the American Secretary of State, but the Russians have never seen fit to take them up, but stand pat on their familiar terms. They will negotiate if they can get their own way, as they did during the war. Other wise they prefer to carry on "the great competition." — another term for the cold war. Indeed, some have taken the view that the Soviet Government needs the cold war, and that the myth of the Imperialist Powers planning to unleash a new world war, conspiring against the Soviet Union, employing vast armies of spies and saboteurs, is one of the main bases on which the whole Stalinist system of absolutism rests. Certainly it was employed to great purpose in the recent negotiations with Mao Tse-tung in Moscow, and has now been expanded in its application to the whole of China and to Chinese policy.

THREE CHOICES FOR MAO

By J. L. Hays

One man and one man alone knows for certain what the Communists' next moves will be in South East Asia.

And that man is not Stalin. It is 38-year-old Mao Tse-tung, the quiet, soft-faced leader of the Chinese Communists since 1931, a member of their Central Committee since 1921.

This former Chinese Red Army political commissar and journalist, the one edited Chiang Kai-shek's official Nationalist newspaper, led his 470,000,000 yellow-coun-tryed behind the Iron Curtain when he signed the new Sino-Soviet Treaty.

Although the pattern of future Sino-Soviet plans in South East Asia—as the Kremlin would like it to look—was hidden in secret protocols at the signing ceremony, only Mao Tse-tung knows how long and how far Communist China will comply with that pattern.

Planning in Moscow and implementation in Peking, 4,000 miles away, are two very different matters.

That the Russians envisage continued and perhaps increased Chinese Communist pressure in South East Asia must, of course, be taken for granted.

But an immediate, widespread Communist "offensive" need not necessarily follow... indeed it may even be, for once, that the Kremlin strategists have miscalculated.

The truth is that three lines of action now lie open before Mao Tse-tung:

Standard bearer

He may now stand forth as the Communist standard bearer "Supreme Commander Far East"—drawing from the ranks of his victorious well-disciplined Red Army, specialist officers, commissars and fighting commanders as reinforcements for "People's Liberation Armies" in neighbouring territories.

He may embark on a period of administrative and economic consolidation of his vast territorial gains—first "mounting" the final assault against Chiang Kai-shek's "last ditch" Taiwan stronghold, lightening his police control of "unreliable elements."

He may decide on a temporary "wait and see" policy, to pause until he is convinced that the Russians intend to honour their Treaty obligations—while checking on what the West is still willing and capable of offering by way of political "concessions" and economic aid.

Certainly there are grounds for suspicion that Mao Tse-tung's Communist China will not prove either such an effective "cold war" enemy of the West, or such a willing, loyal ally of the East as the Kremlin would like.

To begin with, however genuine "Elder Brother" Moscow's interest may be in the welfare of the Chinese people, the fact remains that because of geographical considerations the Russians are drastically handicapped in their programme, can scarcely hope to match the example—the present ready flow of trade between Communist China and Hongkong.

Despite the Nationalists' air blockade of Communist-controlled ports, around 130 ships—more than 70 of them British, less than 20 Russian—have chartered cargo space to 10,000,000 to the Communist from Hong Kong.

A realist

Mao Tse-tung, like all Chinese, is essentially a realist. He would almost certainly prefer to accept what he wants from both East and West as long as both sides continued to pay off. And although China is largely self-sufficient in food, a vast and regular intake of raw materials, tools, fuels and machinery is essential. If large-scale industrialisation is to be carried out.

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Such industrial development alone offers China the opportunity of emerging with the 20th-century "World Power" status so desperately desired by her people.

The ways and means are certainly more readily accessible in the West than behind the Iron Curtain.

Most politically-conscious, intelligent, patriotic Chinese are now Communists. Modern Chinese nationalism and Chinese Communist thinking are largely one and the same thing. There are few, however, who are "professional" Communists, rigidly bound to the Kremlin "line."

Millions of well-meaning and sincere Chinese accepted Communism only because it appeared to offer the stable administrative conditions necessary for China's economic and political recovery; to offer an opportunity, eventually, of shaking off through inter-

Criticism

This overwhelming majority of Chinese will be quick to note any deficiencies in the already meagre Russian aid programme, be quick to reject "non-deliverables" and any tendency by the Kremlin to treat the Chinese economy on a colonial basis.

In their long history the Chinese have never succumbed completely to any alien form of life, any alien form of ruler, many, indeed, have they absorbed and adapted to their own purposes. If disillusionment and disappointment come, it is doubtful whether the Chinese leaders will wield sufficient power to change this aspect of the Chinese character. But to permit optimism over Mao Tse-tung's future intentions

to affect Western defensive calculations in South East Asia would be the widest folly.

Safer it is to recall that for years there has been evidence of the Kremlin's hand in Mao Tse-tung's policy-making.

Russian-educated Liu Shao-chi, president of the powerful "Sino-Soviet Friendship Association," believed to be Stalin's personal favourite for high office (healing as he does the pro-Russian clique inside the Peking "politburo"—the small, executive body which really runs Communist China) is "always at Mao Tse-tung's side."

And Liu Shao-chi has publicly expressed the view that the Soviet Union is the "indispensable ally for the protection of Communist countries from an inevitable attack by the West."

And, safer it is to assume that the full weight and influence of Communist China will now be thrown against the democratic way of life.

Flying saucery

By

Richard Garrett

"Flying saucers" are back in the news.

From New York comes a report that Captain Jack Adams, pilot of the Chicago and Southern Airlines, radioed that he and a co-pilot had crossed the path of a large flying saucer, with lighted windows and a peculiarly coloured blinding light on top and travelling at about 600 m.p.h. over Arkansas.

This was followed by a news cable from Lisbon: Scores of flying saucers reported by coastguards of the North Portugal coast flying in line and other formations and moving "faster than rocket ships."

So the 1950 "saucer season" seems to have opened early. First report of these strange craft came on June 25, 1947, when a Mr. Dahl of Tacoma, Washington, noticed a circular flying machine, like a silver doughnut, cutting across over his back-yard.

Presently he saw five more "plagues" spiralling round a seventh.

Speculations

The media craze then began to spread over Britain. Most of it fell seawards, but a piece landed in Mr. Nairn's yard.

On July 3, the first photograph of a "flying saucer" was taken by a Seattle correspondent. This snap revealed a small white oblong, set against a dark grey background.

The U.S. Navy said that the descriptions fitted its new "wing-less plane—the Flying Panenko"—but there was only one of these, and it had never ventured outside Connecticut.

A meteorologist suggested that solar reflections on low cloud would produce similar effects, and a Los Angeles scientist talked about "transmutation of atomic energy."

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Danse Macabre on roof of the world

By G. Ward Price

One in every six of the 5,000,000 inhabitants of Tibet is a Buddhist priest. The monasteries of these crimson gowned lamas are generally perched high up on a steep mountainside, presumably to avoid contact with the world.

There live monks of all ages, from small boys of seven or eight, who act as acolytes and do the domestic work, to aged lamas with the thin, straggling beards that are all a Tibetan seems able to grow.

Black magicians

They exist on donations of food and money from the surrounding villages. The older lamas spend their days listening blankly to the sound of drums and cymbals, but they also have quite an active function as black magicians, practising the invocation of demons.

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The puppet show was a great success. The ritual was done by the ritual master, who was a very old man, and he was very well dressed. He was wearing a red robe and a red turban. He was very well liked by the people.

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Fellow travellers?

The present phase of flying saucerism reached its climax on March 3, when a U.S. business man, travelling in Mexico, claimed to have seen a streamlined "disc" in which a 23in. tall pilot had perished.

A Mexican dealer immediately followed publication of the story, but not before Denver, Colorado, had reported that a similar "saucer" had come to grief near by and three little men had been discovered inside it.

The Defence Department of the U.S., repeating its denial of "flying saucers," said: "If these saucers start landing, and little men with radar sticking out of their ears climb out, we shall have to do something about it."

"Flying saucers" have now been seen in pretty well every country of the world. They have been chased by jet planes, and observed by scientists and have baffled all attempts to explain them away.

Are they sheer fantasy, or is there a grain of truth in the accounts? Your guess is as good as mine.

Learning him

He followed this up by knocking the offender down, shouting, according to the Tibetan interpreter who said: "With me!" So you think there is no discipline in this monastery!

I had been taken over the building while it was still light, and found it a curious combination of religion and occultism. One of the monks is an "oracle" who goes into trances, and is possessed by a demon, who makes him to make prophecies.

There are many such mediums in the various monasteries, and I hear that the oracles at Lhasa have foretold that this year and next will be inauspicious for Tibet.

Gorgeous robes

The beauteous tape robes in a special temple, where the medium sits on a raised throne, robed in gorgeous garments with a heavily beaded collar.

He gestures, and waltzes as the spirit enters him, and his replies to questions have to be interpreted by a lama, skilled in such matters. I asked if it could be the medium, but was told that he was in seclusion.

Such is the medieval background of the Tibetan religion, and how much it has to do with the modern world. It is a religion of the past, and it is a religion of the future.



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LABOUR GOVERNMENT STAKES ITS EXISTENCE ON BUDGET

The Budget pleases no one

London, April 18. Immediate Parliamentary reaction to the Budget speech and proposals was one of disappointment. Many politicians declared that it is unlikely to win extra votes for the Government in the autumn General Election which is now widely predicted.

Trade union leaders are doubtful about the effect the Budget will have on their followers—whose loyalty to the official wage freeze they have been striving desperately to hold.

Experienced industrial observers suggest that the Chancellor's tax concessions will not be sufficient to stop the rising demands for wage increases—Reuter.

ERASMUS PRESENTS HIS CASE

Capetown, April 18. The South African Defence Minister, F. C. Erasmus, today accused the resigned Chief of the South African General Staff General Len Beyers, of grossly exaggerating his idea of his importance in the scheme of things.

Mr. Erasmus said that a dispute arose between General Beyers and himself over what branches of the Union defence force should be represented at the opening of Parliament in January. The General, he said, seemed unable to accept the position assigned by the Government and was found necessary to instruct him to do so.

Continuance of satisfactory relations between himself and the General became impossible, Mr. Erasmus said.

Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts, leader of the opposition, accused Mr. Erasmus of misleading the House on the real reasons for General Beyers' resignation. Appointments had been made in the Army, he said, of commandants who had not seen military service before.

"Our sons may be called upon to fight in another war under officers with no experience whatsoever," Field Marshal Smuts said. "We have passed through two world wars, yet officers we put into responsible positions are men with no training."—Associated Press.

ILLEGAL RADIO TRANSMITTERS IN CEYLON

Colombo, Ceylon, April 18. Ceylon postal authorities revealed today at least 23 illegal radio transmitters, many of them in communication with Soviet Russia, one operating in Ceylon. The officials said they had found letters from Moscow acknowledging receipt of signals from Ceylon.

The postal department, they continued, has launched an intensive drive to suppress the illegal transmitters.—Associated Press.

Death sentences in Prague spy trial

Prague, April 18. Two men, said to have been trained in an American espionage school in West Germany, were sentenced to death today and a third man—identified as an American citizen—was sentenced to 18 years and will be expelled.

According to Cetecka, the official news agency, the American was a 20-year-old student, J. Zastava.

Press reports giving all information of the trial before a State Court said the four Czech security police were convicted for taking money to help people escape into Germany.

They were given hard labour sentences, ranging from 20 to 25 years.

One woman tried with them received 25 years hard labour and another defendant was sentenced to hard labour for life.

According to Cetecka, the number of defendants in the trial was 16. The sentences were meted out today after a four-day trial, which began on Friday.

Those sentenced to death were Josef Hermanek, aged 28, and a man named Cernousek. According to Press reports, Hermanek was found guilty of supplying political, economic and military information in reply to a questionnaire, alleged to have been drafted by the United States Espionage Service in Western Germany.

Cernousek was said to have crossed illegally into the American zone of Germany and to have undertaken espionage work for the Czech Republic, training persons returning to Czechoslovakia so that they could be employed in the country.

According to Press accounts of the trial, the ring was operated

Cripps refuses to bow to trade union wishes

London, April 18. Labour Government, kept in power only by four votes, today staked its existence on the "As You Were" budget which faces the country with another year of austerity.

Undaunted by the Government's precarious hold on power, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, refused to bow to clamorous demands of 5,000,000 trade unionists for big cost of living reductions or to woo the middle class by slashing taxes.

A Government defeat on any of the budget's proposals would mean a general election.

Sir Stafford's biggest concession to the nation's 22,250,000 wage earners was an adjustment in the lower rates of income tax, reducing them by one-sixth, but leaving the top ordinary rate intact at nine shillings in the pound.

The effect of this will be to give about £11. 5s. a year relief to many taxpayers.

But the overall effect of the budget is to increase the nation's taxation by £1,800,000 a year.

Sir Stafford, budgeting for an income of nearly £4,000,000,000 this year, announced these other changes:

(1) The standard petrol ration now allowing motorists to cover 90 miles a month will be doubled. But the tax will go up nine pence a gallon, making the price three shillings a gallon.

(2) The purchase tax on high-priced cars will be reduced from 66-2/3 per cent to 35-1/3 per cent. But a purchase tax of 33-1/3 per cent will be put on commercial vehicles to restrict them coming on the home market.

(3) A slight relief to rural farmers was provided by an annual grant to farmers using vehicles exempted from taxable oil.

(4) Closing an income tax loophole in the higher income groups, he announced that tax free payments by firms to their executives will be subject to surtax retrospective to last year.

(5) The beer duty will remain the same but the gravity of beer will be increased by three degrees, making it about half the pre-war strength.

Tax relief

The income tax relief announced by the Chancellor applies to the first £50 of taxable income at present taxed at three shillings in the pound and the following £200 now taxed at six shillings in the pound.

The budget leaves the nine shillings in the pound beyond the first £250 of taxable income unchanged.

The new proposal to tax payments to high executives of firms is a sequel to the decisions of two big car concerns last year to make payments of £100,000 to their chief executives—Sir Stanley Black of the Standard Automobile Company, and Mr. Leonard Lord of the Austin Motor Company—on the condition that they would never work for rival manufacturers.

The Chancellor refused to reduce Britain's food subsidies below the level of £410,000,000. He promised that there will be an inquiry into income tax relief where saving for old age or retirement is concerned.

Housing shortage

Sir Stafford referred to growing public criticism of the nation's housing shortage by announcing that the Government's building programme for the next three years will be restored to 200,000 houses a year.

A cut to 185,000 during the economy drive last autumn aroused an outcry which was exploited by the Conservatives at the February election.

The income tax relief will benefit a large number of workers but it will not help the lowest paid in industry—for example, the married man with a small family earning less than £5 a week—who pays no income tax at all.

There are many such in mining and engineering, on the railways and in other industries.

For the lowest paid the best the budget offered was the reassurance that prices will be kept under control.

On the need to scrutinise every suggestion for new expenditure, he said that supplementary estimated expenditure included £133,000,000 for the National Health Service, £21,000,000 for defence.

There was not much hope of any immediate reduction in defence expenditure in view of world conditions and North Atlantic defence obligations.

Colonial development and welfare accounted for another £17,000,000 increase and there was also an increase of £17,000,000 in grants and loans arising out of the post-war position in Burma and Malaya.

Expenditure on colonies

On the question of wages, a sore point with 5,000,000 trade unionists pressing for increases, the Chancellor said, "The real difficulty is that there are still some cases of low-earning which are very difficult to correct without upsetting the relative wage levels that have been established within each industry for the different grades and classes of work people in it."

"If try by catch-as-catch-can methods to advance everywhere and anywhere along the wage front we shall undoubtedly succeed in destroying full employment through inflation."

It was vital that the policy of restraint should not be broken down either with wages, salaries or profits until a better policy had been worked out to replace it.

Mr. Anthony Eden, for the Opposition, said that the Conservatives will make their observations on the budget proposals at a later stage.

The House then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

London, April 18. The De Havilland four-jet Comet passenger plane will fly non-stop to Cairo later this month in the hope of breaking the 8 hrs. 38 minutes record set in February by a Hawker Fury jet fighter. The Fury made a 13-minute halt in Malta to refuel.—United Press.

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Panamanian ships to be boycotted

Amsterdam, April 18. Seamen throughout the world today declared an immediate boycott on all ships sailing under the flag of Panama, the small Central American Republic whose registered tonnage makes her the world's fourth largest maritime power. The seamen, who claim that many Panamanian-registered ships (and there are about 4,000, 000 tons of them) are "coffin ships" which never see a Panamanian port, took this decision through delegates to a conference here.

An official communiqué said the boycott was to "stop the unscrupulous practice of the shipowners who have switched to the Panamanian and similar flags and also to enforce adequate living and working conditions in these ships."

Delegates from 12 leading maritime nations representing 5,000, 000 seamen attended a conference of the Seafarers' Section of the International Transport Federation.

They decided on this action in an effort "to put an end to the sub-standard conditions prevailing in many Panamanian ships."

It was decided that the boycott should come into force forthwith. The General Secretary of Free Trade Unions, who attended the meeting, declared that the entire trade union movement was interested in the Panamanian issue and would support the boycott action.

Support asked

The communiqué stated that the boycott would, as far as possible, be waged through their own organisations, but they will seek the support of dockers and, if necessary, of other trades indirectly connected with the transport industry in dealing with certain types of ships.

Twelve major maritime countries were represented at the conference, including Israel and Italy. The Greek Seafarers' Federation, which was prevented from attending by unspecified circumstances, had sent a telegram whereby they pledged themselves to support any decision reached by the Seafarers' Section of the ITF on the Panamanian issue.

The seamen's protests against alleged very poor conditions on Panamanian ships go back to July, 1948, when the boycott plan was first suggested at Oslo, but then postponed in the hope that the Panamanian Government would do something about them.—Reuter.

TRAGEDY OF MINDSZENTY

Vatican, City, April 18. Cardinal Josif Mindszenty failed to recognise his mother when she visited him in jail, according to an article to be published in Sunday's "Osservatore Romano".

The Hungarian Catholic Primate's mother was quoted by a journalist who recently fled from Hungary as saying, "When the Cardinal was in the infirmary of Budapest jail he did not recognise me once. Poor Cardinal, he seemed to be a man without will, without consciousness—he who had always been so energetic, vigorous, resolute."

An article in the "Sunday Observer" said recently that the Cardinal is believed to have been removed to Russia.—Associated Press.

U.S. NAVY VISIT TO SINGAPORE

Singapore, April 18. Four United States naval vessels will arrive here on April 27 for a six-day operational visit.

The ships are the carrier Essex, the destroyers Floyd Parks and John Craig, and the fleet oiler Caudalupo.

Rear-Admiral Walter Boone, new commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, will arrive by plane on May 1 to join the group.—United Press.

TELLING OFF FOR SERETSE

Serowe, April 18. Seretse Khama, banished 29-year-old chief-designate of the Bahangwato tribe, said today that he had been severely threatened by Administration officials for a demonstration of loyalty by his people yesterday. He was threatened with the cancellation of the permission granted for his five-day visit to see his London-born wife, Ruth, who is expecting a baby, he added.

Seretse, who arrived here at the weekend, today told reporters that he was asked to see the District Commissioner, Mr. Forbes MacKenzie, at the Administration camp late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. MacKenzie, according to Seretse, told him he was not to show himself if people called at his house and on no account to address them.

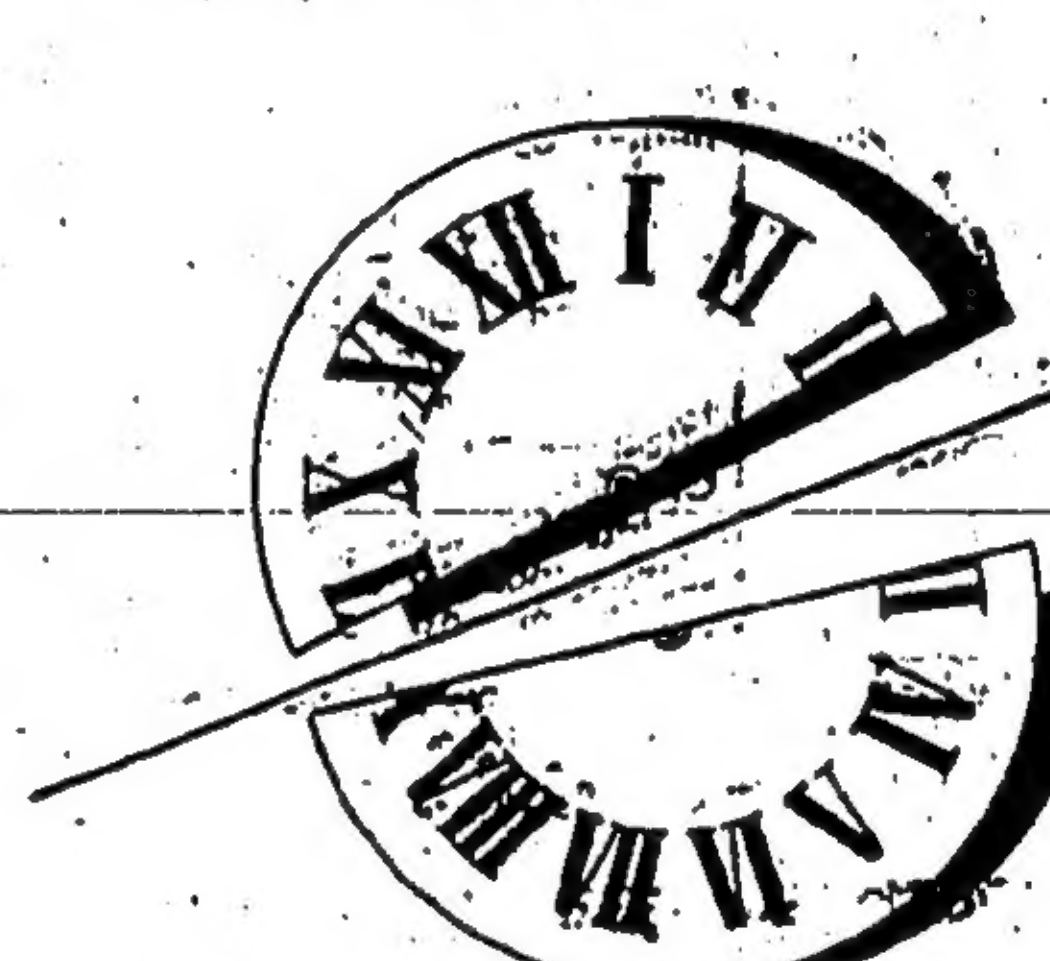
"I was threatened with the cancellation of my present parole if this happened again and generally blamed for the people's show of loyalty to me," he said. Seretse also said plain-clothes police are now watching his movements.—Reuter.

TRIESTE VOTING

Belgrade, April 18. Belgrade Radio announced today the election results in the district of Capo d'Istria in the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste.

Of a total of 24,202 voters, 88.6 per cent voted for the People's Front, 1.7 per cent voted for the Socialist Party and 1.1 per cent voted for the Christian Socialist Party.—Reuter.

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ENGINEERING PAGE

PETROLEUM TRANSPORT BY SEA

Before the invention of special types of ships, the transport of petroleum by sea was considered to be highly dangerous. The first cargo of oil to cross the Atlantic from the U.S. was carried in England in wooden barrels, in the 224-ton brig *Elizabeth Watts*, in 1861.

Owing to the special precautions considered necessary to ensure safe stowage and the difficulty in obtaining labour to handle so dangerous a cargo, loading operations occupied several weeks.

Soon, the export of petroleum from the U.S. developed into a regular trade, and in 1864 nearly 32 million gallons of oil were shipped across the Atlantic in wooden barrels.

But this form of container was uneconomical as well as laborious, so an attempt was made to carry oil in bulk in the holds of wooden ships lined with cement or felt and divided into compartments by wooden bulkheads; this was so unsafe that for a time the owners reverted to the carriage of oil in cases or barrels.

Soon, however, it was being carried in bulk in large iron tanks fitted into the cargo holds.

The sailing ship *Charles* of 784 tons, was probably the first to be converted to carry petroleum in this way across the Atlantic; she had 59 iron tanks, each of about 13 tons capacity, and traded between the United States and Europe from 1869 to 1872.

As time went on, a smaller number of large tanks was used, until finally this type of petroleum carrier was provided with only one large tank in each hold.

In the meantime, in 1893, an iron sailing ship of 148 feet long was designed to carry petroleum in bulk without the aid of casks, this was the *Atlantic* launched at St. Peter's, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in 1872 the *Vaderland*, a steam-driven bulk oil carrier of 2,748 tons was built at Jarrow-on-Tyne. There are, however, no records that either of these ships was used for the purpose for which it was constructed.

In 1885 the *Gluckauf*, the first oil-tanker, was specially designed. The ship's hull served as a receptacle for the oil in bulk; she was 300 feet long, had a tonnage of 2,307 gross tons, and was propelled by triple-expansion steam engines.

For some time, however, the oil-carrying ship continued to be regarded as a potential danger, and elaborate precautions were taken before the first tanker was allowed to pass through the Suez Canal. This was the *Murex* which in 1893 sailed from West Hartlepool to Baloum to load a cargo of oil and then passed

through the canal on her way to Singapore and Bangkok. Since those early days, oil tankers have increased greatly in size, and are now regularly seen in almost every port. At the beginning of 1949 there were 1,072 ocean-going vessels of 2,000 gross tons and over, with a gross tonnage of 15,450,000 tons (i.e. carrying capacity).

Eleven to sixteen thousand tons deadweight are now the most common size, though many are larger. Recently tankers of a capacity up to 30,000 tons d.w. have come into commission.

The first steam-driven oil tanker, the coal-fired, these later gave place to oil-fired steamers, but today the tendency is increasingly towards motor-driven oil tankers. It is interesting to note that the first motor ship of oil kind to be built for ocean-going service was the *Vulcanus*, an oil tanker which was ordered as long ago as 1909. These changes have tended to make tankers both more economical and faster and many have a speed of 14 to 15 knots.

The outstanding feature of a tanker is the placing of the engine and funnel aft as this obviates the necessity for having an oil-tight propeller shaft, and the cargo is isolated from the engine-room and from the fore part by cofferdams, which are narrow spaces, about three feet in width, extending right across the ship.

There is no need to go fully into all the developments that have since taken place except to say that in 1908 the *Isherwood* system of construction introduced what may be called the modern tanker. This was a tremendous step forward and was based on the longitudinal system of framing (instead of vertical framing similar to the ribs in a rowing boat) which made for great strength and increased carrying capacity. There have been further developments of this system. Incidentally, the system has been copied throughout the world.

The entire cargo space is divid-

ed up into approximately nine main tanks and these are subdivided by two longitudinal bulkheads, which virtually makes 27 separate oil-tight tanks.

There are usually two pump rooms whose cargo pumps are connected to each cargo tank and also to deck discharges by a system of pipe-lines, the flow of oil being directed to or from the different compartments by opening or shutting valves situated throughout the entire system. The ship's cargo pumps are used to discharge cargo through large rubber hoses joining the deck pipe-lines to connections ashore, while the cargo is normally pumped aboard by shore pumps. A modern tanker can pump a very rapid rate of over 1,000 tons per hour with almost no labour.

When a tanker has discharged her cargo and before proceeding to sea, some of her cargo tanks are filled with sea water to make the vessel seaworthy. Tankers since the division of the hull into water-tight compartments to contain the oil gives them greater strength and buoyancy than is possessed by ordinary merchant ships.

On more than one occasion, a tanker, which has been cut in two by torpedo, mine or collision, has had its two parts safely brought into port to be joined together again to return to the oil-carrying trade with its efficiency in no way impaired.

Speed and engines have improved tremendously in the last few years, and the design of the vessel and the stringent safety precautions imposed reduce the peace-time fire risk to negligible proportions. Tankers are classed as "clean" or "dirty" according to whether they carry "white oils" such as motor spirit and kerosene, or "black oils" such as crude or fuel-oil.

A "dirty" tanker can be made "clean" by a careful cleansing process. These terms have other meaning. The crew accom-

modation aboard modern tankers is among the cleanest and best to be found in merchant ships. The most modern tankers even provide separate accommodation for every member of the crew. A 12,000 ton tanker would carry a crew of about 12 officers and 30 to 40 hands.

During the war, one of the most dangerous places for all ships was the "Atlantic Gap," where air cover could not be provided from the shore. Although naval aircraft carriers could have closed the gap, these were too scarce to be provided in the numbers required. The solution was found in the conversion of suitable merchantmen into Merchant Aircraft Carriers — "MAC ships."

For this purpose, oil-tankers were ideal, since they carried no derricks for handling cargo and had little superstructure to impede the provision of a flight-deck; moreover, tankers could sail in loaded trim, whether with cargo or ballast. Several oil-tankers were thus converted, thereby serving the dual purpose of transporting oil and making possible the provision of air cover for themselves and for the rest of their convoy.

Before the last war, the British Empire and Commonwealth had the largest tanker fleet in the world, with 3,264,241 gross tons; the U.S. fleet was the next largest, with 2,800,780 gross tons. Time losses of British tankers, coupled with the large U.S. building programme of this type of vessel, have substantially altered the pre-war position, but British shipyards are busily engaged in restoring the British tanker fleet.

By the beginning of 1948, it was already larger than in 1939, amounting to 3,457,000 gross tons, with a carrying capacity of over 5,000,000 tons deadweight. Since then it has grown still larger, and many more ships are on order, especially in British shipyards where tankers account for roughly half of all ships ordered or building.

Scientific development in new products

Quite understandably, in preparing to show at a great trade fair side by side with their competitors, industrialists are more than a little chary of saying too much in advance of the wares they plan to exhibit.

But I have been privileged to take a peep into the secrets of some of the manufacturers who will be displaying their products at the British Industries Fair.

Since last year's Fair United Kingdom manufacturers have been pondering on the lessons they learned from the overseas buyers they met. Many of them followed up contacts and talks with world buyers at last year's Fair by sending representatives abroad to study market requirements at first hand.

These men came back to Britain brim-full of ideas and enthusiasm for "giving the customer what he wants" from plastic chop-sticks for the Far East to bright North American style ties for the sunnier lands of the British Commonwealth.

Take two extremes of something all boys respond to, railways, the real and the toy. At the Fair there will be a new scientific instrument to serve the former and a striking new development of the latter.

The first is a self-contained recording instrument for use at the line-side to record the speed of trains. Battery operated, it can be set up at any selected position, and will show on a chart the actual speed of the train at the time of passing the recording point. Now that's a useful piece of equipment for the world's railways.

Plastic train set

The makers of a new plastic mechanical train set, to be shown in the Toys and Games section at Olympia claim that their products are indestructible. The train set incorporates, say the manufacturers, a new patented plastic mechanism believed to be the only one of its kind in the world. And except for the steel spring of the engine, even the clockwork mechanism is itself plastic. The rails are plastic too, and a grown up man is quite welcome to stamp on them heavily, say the makers, without fear of damage. The firm is also proud of a patent system of interlocking the rail joints, and the generally handsome appearance of this railroad in miniature.

It may seem a far cry from fighting aircraft to the manufacture of biscuit barrels, but not for a Birmingham firm who have been making a patent system of interlocking the rail joints, and the generally handsome appearance of this railroad in miniature.

nor crack whatever the climatic conditions. An entirely new patented process has been employed for the manufacture of this product, which is finished in electro-plate nickel silver.

Another firm, of London this time, has been perfecting for ex-

By Phyllis Davies

hibition a portable short-wave diathermy weighing only 38 to 40 pounds, which has a great output and is designed not to cause interference with radio or television. Like all this firm's apparatus, it is finished to withstand extremes of climate, and will be of great practical value for hospital ward work and for doctors and other practitioners treating patients in their homes.

Since the last Fair a well known piano manufacturing company has been conducting research to enhance the tonal qualities of a new grand piano/forte. It has designed the instrument is only 5 feet 3 inches in length, and the makers claim that it has the volume and quality of tone usually found only in much larger instruments. Thus concert hall performance is possible for the modern small flat.

High speed communicating system

In this connection, there is another space saving innovation in furnishing in a new type of studio couch, or bed settee, which by a single movement can be converted from a couch into a comfortable bed.

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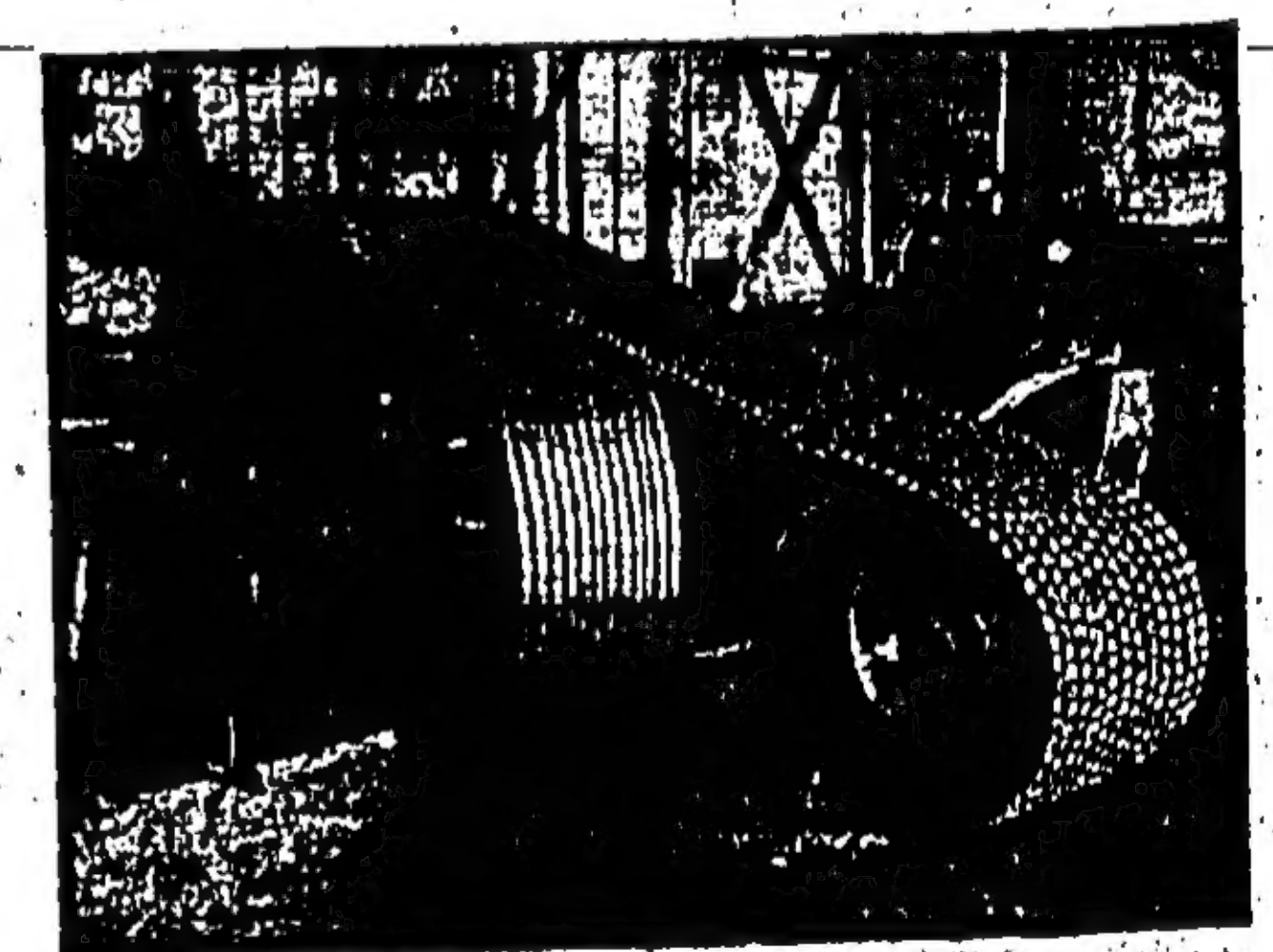
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RUSO-U.S. RELATIONS EXPECTED TO WORSEN Moscow rejection of U.S. note almost inevitable

Washington, April 18.

A severe and continuing deterioration of American-Soviet relations is regarded as inevitable following the United States' note to Russia concerning the loss of an American plane over the Baltic. Russia is expected to reject uncompromisingly the United States Government's account of the incident and the American demands. Officials will not speculate about what action the United States might take if the demands are rejected.

Observers here are at a loss to explain why Soviet fighters should have gone out into the Baltic to shoot down an unarmed American plane.

One theory is that the plane was carrying highly secret and valuable electronic equipment which the Soviet military authorities wished to obtain.

According to this theory the Soviet fighters intercepted the American plane over the Baltic and ordered it to land in Soviet-controlled territory.

When the Americans refused to comply, the Soviet fighters shot down the United States plane to destroy witnesses to the interception, the theory runs.

The United States in the note, charge that Russia had shot down the missing American Navy aircraft over the open sea.

Inquiry demanded

In a reply to the Russian note on the incident, the United States demanded that Russia institute a prompt and thorough investigation.

The United States further demanded that strict instructions should be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition under whatever pretext of similar incidents.

The United States' reply was made in a note delivered in Moscow today in reply to the Russian charges that an American bomber fired on Soviet fighter planes over Latvia on April 18.

The American note said that the missing Privateer was the only American aircraft which was in the air in the Baltic area on April 8, when the alleged incident over Latvia took place.

The note said that no trace of the Privateer's crew of 10 had since been found.

The sternly-worded note, rejecting the Russian protest, said that the investigation conducted by the United States Government had convinced it that the Navy plane complied strictly with instructions not to fly over foreign territory. It did not fly over any Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory or adjacent territorial waters, the note declared.

Demand for indemnity

"It must be concluded that Soviet military aircraft fired upon an unarmed American plane over the open sea, following which the American aeroplane was lost," the note added.

"The Ambassador of the United States has been instructed to protest in the most solemn manner against this violation of international law and of the most elementary rules of peaceful conduct between nations."

"The United States Government demands that the Soviet Government institute a prompt and thorough investigation of this matter in order that the facts set forth above may be confirmed to its satisfaction."

"The United States Government further demands that the most strict and categorical instructions be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition, under whatever pretext, of incidents of this kind, which are so clearly calculated to magnify the difficulties of maintaining peaceful and correct international relationship."

"The United States Government confidently expects that, when its investigation is completed, the Soviet Government will express its regret for the unlawful and provocative behaviour of its aviators, will see to it that those responsible for this action are promptly and severely punished and will, in accordance with established custom among peace-loving nations, pay appropriate indemnity for the unprovoked destruction of American lives and property."

Aggressive tone

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said in a statement when he released the text of the note:

"The American reply corrects the distortions of fact which the Soviet Government has injected into the incident, and puts the matter in its true light as an attack against unarmed Americans."

"The Scandinavian countries have been very helpful and cooperative in the humanitarian rescue work undertaken in connection with the disappearance of this plane."

"By contrast, there has not been the slightest evidence of any concern on the part of the Soviet Government over the fate of our plane and its personnel."

"Moreover, the Soviet Government has thus far shown no sign of regret for its attack against the American aircraft. Instead, it has taken an aggressive tone and attempted to justify its action by impossible allegations."

False claims

"It has charged that the American aircraft fired first, when the American plane had nothing with which to shoot and was too slow a craft to attack fighters."

"Moreover, it has attempted further to confuse the issue with

false propaganda claims and distortions against the United States in the controlled Soviet Press."

"This attitude of the Soviet Government shows clearly the insincerity of its oft-proclaimed desire for peaceful relations with the United States and the non-Soviet world in general."

"The cause of peace is not furthered when the USSR ostentatiously decorates Soviet airmen in a manner calculated to give the impression that they are being rewarded for shooting down a defenceless American plane."

"Meanwhile the rubber aircraft life raft picked up in the Baltic on Sunday by the British steamer Beechland may possibly, but not positively, have come from the missing Privateer, American Captain Jack Klingler, who commanded the Baltic search operations for the Privateer, told Reuters in Copenhagen."

The raft, brought to Copenhagen today by air from Stockholm, is being forwarded at once to the American Air Force Headquarters at Wiesbaden.

Firm stand demanded

Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said today that the United States must be prepared with a powerful air force to back up the note of protest to Russia.

The Georgia Democrat praised President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, for their handling of the incident.

He told newsmen: "We must be firm and positive, and let the Russians know that they can't push us around and that we are prepared to back up any notes we send them. In that way we can keep the peace."

Senate Democratic leader Scott Lucas said regarding the American note of protest to Moscow: "It is unbelievable that such an incident could happen. But it has. It is a very serious matter."

—Reuters and United Press.

DENUNCIATION OF A-BOMB

Melbourne, April 18.

The "Australian Peace Congress" today demanded unconditional prohibition of the atomic bomb, and branding as war-criminal any government which first uses this weapon.

The Congress invited Britain's "Red Dean" of Canterbury, the Reverend Hewlett Johnson, to be the first to sign the declaration, which, it hopes, will be signed by more than 1,000,000 Australians.

The declaration reads: "We declare that no nation has the right to use the atomic bomb, which is not a weapon of war but a means of exterminating whole populations. We demand its unconditional prohibition under strict international control. We brand now, in advance, as war criminal the Government which first uses atomic weapons." —United Press.

Russia to ignore Chiang charges

Lake Success, April 18.

Russia will take no official notice of the Chinese Nationalist charges accusing her of supplying military aid to the Chinese Communists, Mr. Jakob Malik, the Russian permanent United Nations representative, said today.

He told the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, that he would not pass on to Moscow a letter containing accusations made by Dr. T. F. Tsiang, the chief Chinese Nationalist delegate. He returned a note from Mr. Lie, which referred to the charges.

In his reply, Mr. Malik said his delegation was "unable to bring to the cognizance of the Government of the USSR the letter of a private individual illegally claiming the status of a representative to the United Nations, which was referred to in your note and which contains unsubstantiated and entirely fictitious slander."

—Reuters.

DRASTIC MOVE BY PRAGUE

Prague, April 18.

Members of the Catholic monastic Orders in Czechoslovakia will be assembled in a number of monasteries where they will devote themselves exclusively to their religious tasks, an official statement broadcast by Prague Radio tonight said.

Monasteries which are being evacuated, the statement said, will in future be used by the Government-sponsored Catholic welfare organization, Charita, and for health institutes.

The official statement did not specify which, or how many, monasteries will be, or are being, evacuated nor how many monks have been removed to other monasteries.

The statement said: "It has been proved at the recent trial of monastic priests that many monasteries were being used to shelter hostile agents, spies and even murderers."

"In some monasteries weapons and secret broadcasting apparatus were discovered and many monasteries served as bases for espionage and disruptive activities."

"In order to stop this hostile activity of the Catholic Orders, measures have been taken which will bring these Orders back to their original and true religious mission."

The statement alleged that it had been established that only a few people lived in these monasteries. They did no work but mostly busied themselves with inciting the population.

"The empty monasteries buildings will continue to serve the needs of the Catholic Charita and social and health purposes. Some will be turned into flats, of which people living nearby are so short," the statement added. —Reuters.

Calcutta, April 18.

India will take over the administration of Chandernagore, the three-square-mile French settlement near here, on May 2. This decision was taken at a meeting of representatives of the Indian, French and West Bengal Governments. Chandernagore voted to merge with India at a plebiscite held last June. —Reuters.

Incorporation of Arab Palestine into Transjordan

London, April 18.

King Abdullah of Jordan will announce the formal incorporation of Arab Palestine into the Kingdom of Jordan next Monday at the opening session of the newly-elected Jordan Parliament in Amman.

This move has been generally expected since the Jordan elections a week ago in which 20 of the 40 deputies represented districts of Arab Palestine, now occupied by the Jordan Arab Legion.

The formal announcement is expected to be made when these deputies take their seats in the new Parliament.

In diplomatic quarters here it is thought that though Britain had not been formally consulted about King Abdullah's move, it will have the general support of the British Government.

But other members of the Arab League uphold the claims of the "Gaza Government," supported by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, who is at present in exile in Egypt, to create and govern a separate Arab State in Arab Palestine.

Following the creation of the State of Israel in part of the former mandated territory of Palestine, British experts have opposed the creation of a further separate Arab State in the Arab rump of the country.

King Abdullah tonight arrived in the Old City of Jerusalem, the "Voice of Israel" Radio in Jewish Jerusalem reported.

Faisal cautious

Prince Faisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, was non-committal when asked at a Press conference in Cairo today to define Saudi Arabia's position in the East-West struggle.

"We are all subject to circumstances," he said. "We may have something in our minds today and circumstances may force us to change it tomorrow."

He denied reports that the United States is planning to set up military or strategic bases in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Faisal, who headed the Saudi Arabian delegation to the recent Arab League Council in Cairo, said that the Council had produced something more concrete than at previous sessions.

He gave as examples the collective security pact linking the seven member States in a military and economic alliance, and the decision to apply political and economic sanctions against any member State which did not comply with, or carry out, the League's decisions.

"It is my personal opinion that the Arab countries were hitherto insincere in their co-operation with one another," he said. "In the Palestine war not all the Arab countries fulfilled their obligations."

No differences

Asked if the Arab States should join a broader Middle East or a Mediterranean Pact, he said: "Arabs should first fulfil their obligations towards each other, embodied in their own collective security pact before they consider joining other groupings."

He disclaimed knowledge of Western pressure on the Arab States to conclude peace with Israel.

Asked by an Egyptian reporter why Saudi Arabia did not use oil as a weapon against United States aid to Israel, Prince Faisal replied: "Saudi Arabia is not the only Arab country with oil resources. We differ from the others in that we have obligations towards companies, whereas other

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GENERAL STRIKE IN SAIGON

Saigon, April 18.

Government post office employees went on strike today in compliance with a call by the Communist-led Vietminh for a general strike and mass demonstration in Saigon.

Police and French troops immediately took emergency precautions.

The strike was ordered to protest the arrest of an alleged leader of bloody demonstrations here on March 10 when two American destroyers visited Saigon.

Many shops were closed and Vietnamese staffs failed to report for work in some foreign banks and other commercial firms.

The Vietnamese telegraph agency accepted only priority cables. City utilities otherwise functioned normally but the strike appears to be spreading to other official services.

The Vietnamese police have been ordered to oppose forcefully unauthorized mass demonstrations due to take place in the next 24 hours. Students said they would continue with their announced demonstration despite police action.

Leaflets of the rebel Vietminh forces and the Vietminh radio on Monday ordered the demonstrations to protest against the April 13 arrest of Nguyen Huu Tho, head of the pro-Vietminh Lien Viet party. A Vietnamese lawyer, he is waiting trial on charges of organizing a four-hour demonstration at the time two American destroyers were in the harbor. Two students and a policeman were killed in the disturbances. French soldiers used tear gas to disperse the 4,000 demonstrators.

The attorney was first arrested on March 30 but was subsequently released. The police said he had resumed underground activity and are now holding him for trial. —Associated Press.

AMAZING SIGHT ON AERODROME

Sydney, April 18.

Three persons escaped injury today when a jet Vampire fighter landing at Bankstown airport crashed into a small training plane, lifting it into the air and carrying it several hundred yards.

Both planes were wrecked in the mishap, which eye-witnesses called the most remarkable sight ever seen at the field.

The smaller plane, a Tiger Moth, was blind-flying at the time, with a hood covering the cockpit. Alexander Garrick, its pilot, said: "I thought I was making a good landing when I heard a whistling sound. I thought it'd blow a tyre. Then I felt a jolt. The Moth picked up speed and I saw a Vampire underneath me."

Garrick jumped out before either plane hit the ground and landed on the fighter's wing. —United Press.

JAFFA TRAGEDY

Tel Aviv, April 19.

Thirteen people were still missing early today after a 24-hour search through the debris of a four-storeyed Jaffa house which collapsed on Sunday night "like a pack of cards."

There was little hope of saving them, officials said. Eleven bodies have been found in the wreckage and 23 injured were in hospital. —Reuters.

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BOMB IN PLANE CASE

STEWARDESS' STORY OF MARRIAGE OFFER

Los Angeles, April 18.

A pretty airline stewardess said today that John Grant had told her he expected to be frayed to marry her a few hours before he planted an incendiary time-bomb on an airliner carrying his wife and children.

However, the 31-year-old aircraft engineer told the police he had no intention of marrying golden-haired Elizabeth Suomela, despite her story that he had courted her for several years and had told her he was separated from his wife.

Grant admitted he built the bomb and placed it on a United Airlines plane in a plot to kill his wife and two children.

He said he had been driven crazy by debts and was motivated by the thought of the US\$25,000 insurance his family drew shortly before going aboard an airliner bound for San Diego.

Miss Suomela's romance with Grant was uncovered when the police learned that the car he had used to drive his family to the airport was registered under the 31-year-old stewardess. Connected by officers, Miss Suomela readily admitted her romance with the aircraft engineer, but said that during the three years she had known him he claimed he was separated from his wife and would be divorced.

The fearful stewardess said, "Yesterday morning he told me he was on his way for the final hearing for the divorce. He said he would call me in the afternoon

and let me know how it came out."

Cyanide pills

She added that about a year after they met Grant asked her to marry him. She said she waited patiently for him to go through with divorce proceedings.

Grant, however, told the police he was "stringing her along." Miss Suomela was in tears throughout the interview. After the disclosure of her affair with Grant, she resigned as assistant supervisor of stewardesses for American Airlines.

The police placed a watch over Grant after they discovered a noose fashioned from cloth in his mattress in the Venice sub-station room. Detective-Lieutenant J. R. Goldstone also reported that cyanide pills were found in the car Grant had been using. United Press.

Nehru's visit to Karachi

New Delhi, April 18.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, is expected to go to Karachi on a two-day visit next week before the Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, leaves for London on his way to Washington.

The visit follows the recently concluded Indo-Pakistan agreement on minorities.

Pandit Nehru may leave for Karachi on April 24 and return here on April 26.

His Secretariat today denied a report from Karachi that Pandit Nehru may accompany Liaquat Ali Khan to London and Washington. —Reuter.

MALAYA TOLL

London, April 18.

The War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told Parliament today that the battle casualties to troops serving in Malaya between May 1, 1948, and February 28, 1950, were 28 officers and 111 other ranks killed and 17 officers and 170 other ranks wounded.

In the same period, two officers and 10 other ranks were accidentally killed and one officer and 23 other ranks accidentally wounded.

From January, 1948, to December 31, 1949, some 30,000 officers and other ranks (excluding the Malay Regiment) were admitted to hospital. —Reuter.

IMPERIAL ANTHEM SUNG IN GERMANY

Berlin, April 18.

The three Western Commandants of Berlin remained seated this morning when the band unexpectedly struck up "Deutschland Uber Alles" for the first time since the war on an important official occasion.

The old Imperialist anthem followed a speech by the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, on his first official visit here. Some 2,000 politicians in the audience sang it at the top of their voices. The incident was repeated later in the day.

The Chancellor himself, after his speech, had asked them to rise and sing the third stanza of the anthem as a manifestation of Germany's will to be a unified, free and peace-loving people.

Berlin's Social Democratic leader, Herr Herr Neumann, left the platform followed by about a dozen other Party leaders but his Party colleague and Berlin's Lord Mayor, Professor Ernst Reuter, stayed and sang.

Allied High Commission officials in Bonn said that the Western Commandants had not necessarily expressed disapproval by remaining seated.

The Commandants would not normally rise for the national anthem of a country with which they were still formally at war.

Allied officials also pointed out that this anthem was not banned as such.

Dr. Adenauer urged European statesmen to "act as wisely as the statesmen of the Vienna Congress (135 years ago) who admitted France, the aggressor, as a full member of the concert of Europe."

"The West German Government is convinced that it would be right to incorporate West Germany as soon as possible into Western Europe," he declared.

Hint on control

He pledged himself that he would never rest until a united Germany is a full member of the European family of nations.

Dr. Adenauer also hoped that the promised revision of the Occupation Statute next autumn would reduce Allied control over Germany.

The Chancellor urged the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers to make an intense study of Germany's

problems at next month's London meeting.

Dr. Adenauer declared, "Even the Soviet Union should accept a plan for European federation if her calls for peace are sincere. Our hearts go out to our 18,000,000 German brothers and sisters in the Soviet zone who are denied freedom."

"The Russians are ill advised to force them to accept a political system they do not like."

Second time

For the second time today Germans enthusiastically sprang to their feet and sang "Deutschland Uber Alles" in the presence of Dr. Adenauer.

At the end of a crowded Christian Democratic meeting here tonight 4,000 Germans spontaneously broke into song after the Chancellor had delivered a patriotic speech.

"We are not nationalists but we are Germans and we love our Fatherland," the Chancellor said amidst applause.

He called for German equality with other nations and equal rights in a European Union.

Professor Ludwig Erhard, German Economics Minister, told the meeting, "We Germans are a hard-working people but certain foreign criticism appears to view our labour suspiciously. Germany has contributed more to the success of Marshall Aid than any other European participant."

Reuter.

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Soko Islands case continues

At yesterday's continued hearing of the Soko Islands case, in which 10 fishermen face charges on 11 counts of criminal intimidation and unlawful possession of arms, third defendant, Chai Hop-yeo, conducting his own defence, denied that he had ever carried any arms.

Choi, who said that he was a partner in a fish business with the second defendant, Chan Hop-kuen, alleged that all the prosecution witnesses had told lies.

The case is being heard before Mr. F. L. Lam at Kowloon Magistrate's Court. Mr. W. H. Sumner is conducting the prosecution's case.

Mr. F. L. Lam is defending two of the defendants, Wong Hin-pak and Chan Hop-kuen.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sumner, witness said that he was telling the truth and that prosecution witnesses were not. When confronted with the partnership agreement of the Cheung Shing Fat firm, in which his name was not mentioned as a partner, witness insisted that he was.

Mr. Sumner: "You were a guerrilla fighter during the Japanese occupation, were you not?"

Witness: "No."

Mr. D'Almeida: "Why don't you admit it, if you were? It's patriotic."

Witness: "I am telling the truth."

When it was suggested to him that it was very easy to smuggle arms from Un Long, where witness claimed he was born, to Su Ah Chau, one of the islands in the Soko group, Choi said that he did not know.

Hearing continues today.

FLEET MOVEMENTS

HMS Belfast returned to Hong Kong from Singapore yesterday.

HMS Jamaica is due back in the Colony from Japan on Saturday.

HMS Black Swan left for Omote Japan on Tuesday.

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1.30	Interlude.
1.30	Theatre Memories.
2.00	Close Down.
6.00	"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.05	"Hit Parade"—The Voice of America.
6.10	La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio).
7.00	"Time For Music"—BBC Light Orchestra. (BBC)
7.30	"Have a Go"—A Quiz Programme. (BBC)
8.00	"World News and News Analysis."
8.15	"Hong Kong Calling"—Introduced by Captain David Jones. (Studio)
8.45	Sports Review—by Bill Phillips.
9.00	"From the Editorials"—(London Relay)
9.10	Weather Report.
9.15	"At the Opera"—Gounod's "Faust" Act 1 and 2. With the Principal Members of the Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera, Paris Organ of the Salle Pleyel. Paris, Conducted by Henri Busser.
10.00	Concert Organ.
10.15	Book Talk by Allen Dekker. (Studio)
10.20	"Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown.
11.00	Radio News Hour. (London Relay)
11.15	Weather Report, World News & Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay)
11.30	Close Down.

LAND IN NT DESEQUESTIONED

Tien Ping Shan, Sheung Shui, (Inland Lot No. 7) and Hong Lok Yuen, near Tai Po (Lot No. 1821 in D.D.7) were de-sequestered and returned to the owners on Monday.

Both were requisitioned for the Military Authorities on July 11 and May 20, 1949 respectively.

New version of Asia co-prosperity sphere

Dairy Farm Dividend recommended

Subject to completion of audit, the Directors of The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited will recommend to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company, on June 7, the payment of a Dividend of \$2.50 per share, free of tax, for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from May 24 to June 7, 1950, both dates inclusive.

The Directors also propose to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held after the ordinary yearly meeting, when Shareholders will be asked to pass the following resolutions—

1. A Special Resolution altering Article 91 of the Company's Articles of Association in order to permit of an increase in the Directors' Fees which fees have not been increased since 1934.

2. An Ordinary Resolution approving the capitalisation of undivided profits of the Company standing at the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund in order that a Bonus Issue of 400,000 shares may be made in the ratio of one share credited as fully paid in respect of each share held by Shareholders at May 24, 1950; such Bonus Shares to rank for Dividend as from January 1, 1950.

3. An Ordinary Resolution increasing the Authorised Capital of the Company by an additional 3,000,000 shares of a nominal value of \$7.50 each, thus raising the total Authorised Capital of the Company to \$30,000,000 divided into 4,000,000 shares of \$7.50 each, such additional shares to be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

If this last Resolution is passed by the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting, it is the intention of the Directors to offer to members shown on the Register of Members of the Company at May 24, 1950 450,000 unissued shares of the Company in the ratio of one new share for every issued share held by a member at May 24, 1950. The basis of the offer will be that the full nominal value of each share taken up, i.e. \$7.50 per share, shall be paid in full in cash on acceptance by each member or his approved nominee entitled to apply for the said new shares. This offer will close on September 30, 1950 and the new shares so offered will rank for Dividend as from July 1, 1950.

BOMBS THROWN AT U.S. LEGATIONS

Damascus, April 19. Bombs were tossed into the U.S. Legation compounds at both Damascus and Beirut last night. This appeared to be an expression of growing anti-American and anti-British sentiment stemming from Arab-Israeli tension. A U.S. Marine guard in Damascus was slightly wounded.—Associated Press.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Philip Franklin, merchant, of Hong Kong Club, and Mrs. Edith Kathleen Caroline Mann, widow, of 42 Kennedy Road, has been announced.

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7.45	Ed. A. Keller Show.
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8.00	Radio Bourdon Symphonies.
9.00	Morning Music.
9.10	Norman Corcoran's Classics.
10.00	Morning Melody.
P.M.	
12.00	B.B.C. Stock Exchange.
12.15	B.B.C. School Broadcast.
12.30	From the Films.
1.00	Light Variety.
1.15	News.
1.30	Orchestra Of The Week.
2.00	Variety Call, The Tune.
4.00	The Novelties Trio.
4.15	Tropeans.
4.30	Vocalists' Hour.
4.45	Music Makers.
5.15	Children's Corner.
5.30	Movie Time.
6.00	Music by Paul Weston.
6.15	Men Behind The Music.
6.30	Norman Corcoran and his Memorable Music.
6.45	Ding Slings.
7.15	Ray McKinley Orchestra.
7.30	Song Boat.
7.45	Radio News Hour.
8.00	B.B.C. News.
8.15	The Broadwood Broadcast.
8.30	Rediffusion Request Show.
8.45	The Stars Show.
9.15	Let's Walk.
9.30	Rediffusion Concert Hall.
10.00	B.B.C. News.
10.15	Local News.
10.30	The Stars Show.
10.45	Radio News Hour.
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Tokyo, April 19. Japanese Government officials will get a chance this afternoon to sound out American ideas on the peaceful version of the ill-fated Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere which Japan tried to impose by force 10 years ago.

The Premier, Shigeru Yoshida, invited delegates to the American economic conference on Asiatic trade to a garden party at the palatial Foreign Minister's residence.

Despite official assertions that the Tokyo conference is a routine meeting of Washington and Asia-based American officials on Asiatic trade bottlenecks, the belief persists in Japanese Government and unofficial American quarters that the conference is a major step toward the American-sponsored Asiatic economic co-operation programme linking Japanese industrial potential with South East Asia's raw materials.

There was a reasonable economic basis for Japan's scheme 10 years ago but Japan tried to force the co-operation of invaded countries and insure prosperity only for its big Zaibatsu cartels who divided up the trade of the area.

Asiatic diplomatic representatives here have told the United Press that regardless of the economic sense of trade co-operation with Japan, their countries will have many reservations about any new scheme which

Kashmir mediator to start next month

New York, April 18. No definite information regarding the plans of the United Nations special representative in Kashmir, Sir Owen Dixon, has yet reached the Security Council.

Some delay may occur over his arrival and he may not reach Lake Success before the beginning of May. The United Nations official said Sir Owen might spend at least a week at Lake Success studying the record and meeting members of the Security Council and the United Nations Kashmir Commission.

According to present indications, Sir Owen may not reach the scene of the dispute until the middle of May.

Would-be robbers sentenced

Two would-be armed robbers were given hard labour terms at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for conspiring to rob the premises on the first floor of 139 Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon, on January 29.

Lai Sung was given three years, while Ip Fuk, who was additionally charged with possession of arms and ammunition, was given four and a half years and 12 strokes.

According to the prosecution, a party of policemen acting on information was stationed in Nathan Road near the Broadway Theatre at the Argyle Street junction on the evening of January 29.

Presently the two accused were seen meeting near the spot, and then walking together along Argyle Street in an easterly direction towards Fa Yuen Street. The police officers followed. At a given signal, they descended on the two. Ip Fuk was found to have a revolver in his pocket, while Lai Sung had some wire.

After their arrest, the two made voluntary statements to the police, as a result of which they were charged with the offence.

Both accused denied the allegations of conspiracy from the Crown.

The all-men jury brought in a unanimous verdict, and sentence was accordingly passed by Mr. Justice Goult, Senior Puisne Judge. Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, prosecuted.

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Britain's dispute with Hungary

London, April 18. Britain has asked Hungary to close the Hungarian Cultural Institute in London in retaliation for the recent Hungarian demand for closure of the British Council in Hungary.

At the same time, the Hungarian Government has been asked to withdraw from London an attaché at the Hungarian Embassy here.

This measure is also retaliatory and corresponds to Hungary's demand, following the trial of the British business-edged Sandor, that two members of the British Embassy in Budapest, alleged to have been implicated in the trial, should quit Hungary—Rout.

ASIATIC EXPORT TO U.S. DOWN

Washington, April 18. Exports of Asiatic countries to the United States during February totalled US\$90,000,000. This was US\$11,400,000 less than the US\$107,000,000 which this trade totalled during January.

The decline in Asia's drive to expand business with the U.S. and increase dollar supplies to those nations was revealed in the Department of Commerce monthly survey of American exports and imports.

Efforts of Asian nations to balance their trade with the U.S. were shown to have fallen short by US\$42,300,000 during February. Those nations bought US\$138,300,000 worth of American goods and materials during the month, on an increase of almost US\$5,000,000 over January.

The US\$90,000,000 worth of goods and materials shipped from Asia during February were part of US\$58,700,000 worth of imports to the U.S. during the month. American exports for the same period amounted to US\$77,000,000.

During January, U.S. world imports were US\$22,000,000 and exports came to US\$46,200,000. British Malaya topped Asian countries in shipments to the U.S. for February with exports coming to US\$19,000,000 compared with US\$19,000,000 for January. Imports from the U.S. for the month were US\$17,000,000 compared with US\$13,700,000 for January.

India ranked second in February exports to the U.S. with US\$17,600,000 compared with US\$20,300,000 for January. February imports were US\$18,400,000 compared with US\$13,700,000 for January.

The Philippines, also fighting hard to boost their shipments to the U.S., registered exports of US\$14,200,000 to this country for February compared with US\$15,000,000 for January. Imports from the U.S. for the month were US\$17,300,000 compared with US\$18,600,000 for January.

Japan came in with US\$6,000,000 worth of exports to the U.S. for February, thus ranking fourth during the month. This total was identical with Japanese shipments this way for January. In 1939, monthly average of Japanese shipments to the U.S. came to US\$13,400,000.—Associated Press.

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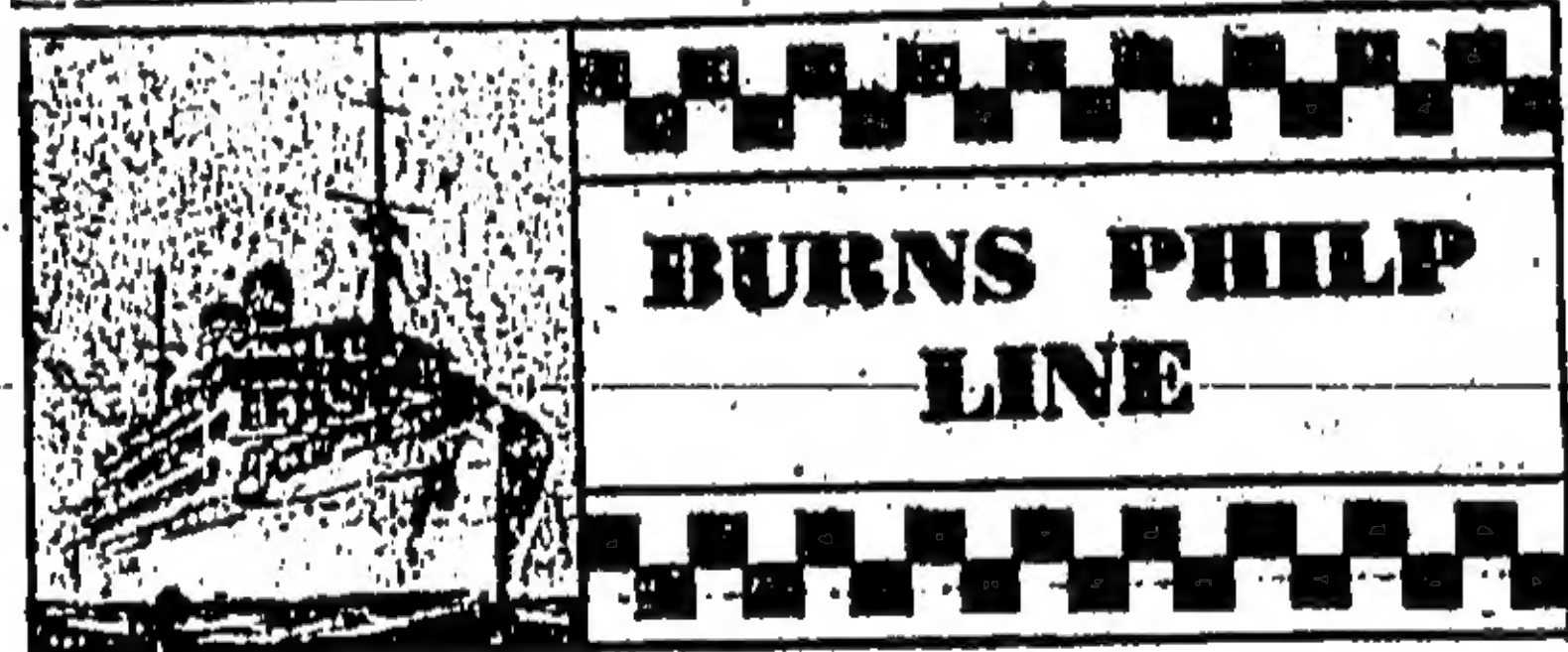
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HAGUE SHOCKED

The Hague, April 18. The Dutch Government has told its High Commissioner in Indonesia, Dr. Max Hirschfeld, to ask for a clarification of an Indonesian Government statement alleging that the Dutch have not fulfilled their commitments towards Indonesia.

The statement, issued by the Indonesian Ministry of Information, has caused a great deal of concern in the Dutch Government.

It alleged that for a second time with the uprising by Captain Abdul Aziz in Macassar, the Dutch had failed to fulfil their obligations under the round-table agreement last year.

It claimed that the Dutch Military commander had failed to bring back deserters to barracks, suggested that only time would show to what extent this was due to lack of proper planning and execution. The statement was issued in the Dutch press after the agreement had been strengthened by Dutch failures of this kind.

COMPLAINTS OF UNFAIR TRADE

Birmingham, April 18. Barry Kay, Regional controller of the Board of Trade, said today that complaints from British traders about unfair Japanese and German competition are increasing.

He said, "The Board of Trade is keeping a very close watch on the Japanese and German trading overseas and will where possible give maximum assistance to British traders in their efforts to resist this growing competition."

He emphasized, however, that the main responsibility will fall on British traders who must meet the challenge with energy and enterprise.

Mr. Kay said, "So far it has not been possible to trace any great number of properly documented instances of complaints of German and Japanese dumping prices which can be substantiated."

A trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Germany was signed here today. No details of the agreement have been revealed.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL BANK

LOAN TO INDIA MADE

Washington, April 18.

The International Bank has granted a loan of \$18,500,000 to India for further development of the Damodar River Valley.

The Bank said the loan will be used to finance part of the cost of the Bokaro-Konhar project, which will include the largest electric plant in India.

The loan agreement was signed here today by the Indian Ambassador, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, and Mr. Robert Garner, Vice-President of the Bank.

The loan is for a term of 20 years and carries an interest rate of three per cent, plus commission at one per cent. This commission is allocated to the Bank's reserve fund.

Amortization payments calculated to retire the loan by maturity will start on April 15, 1950.

This is the third loan made to India by the International Bank. On August 18 last, a loan of \$4,000,000 was granted for the reconstruction and development of Indian railways.

A \$10,000,000 loan was made on September 29, 1949, for the improvement of agricultural production.

Dollar payments

The Bank said that the latest loan will finance dollar payments from January 1 this year in the United States and Canada for power-house equipment for the Bokaro thermal plant, construction equipment for the Konhar Dam, conductors and accessories for the transmission lines, equipment for sub-stations, and ocean freight and other expenses payable in dollars.

The balance of the cost of the project—about \$34,500,000—will be financed by India's own resources. These funds include sterling, Swiss francs, rupees and dollar payments made before January 1, 1950.

The Bank said: "A substantial increase in the availability of electrical energy in the Damodar Valley region will be a key factor in raising India's coal output and in lowering the cost of coal production."

The completion of the Bokaro-Konhar project will provide at reasonable rates the urgently needed electrical energy for the expansion of coal production and the further electrification of the coal mines.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 18.

Strong demand for steel, automobile, copper and railroad shares developed in a 3,000,000-share stock market today.

Favoured issues pushed up fractions to more than a point. The balance of the market trended upward but price trends were small.

The volume of business was one of the largest in the last couple of years.

Steels were in demand most of the day. Buying orders spilled over into the auto group. Profit-taking sales kept radio-television stocks on the defensive.

Among the most popular stocks were United States Steel, Bethlehem and Republic, Youngstown Sheet, Crucible Steel, General Motors, Chrysler and Studebaker. Electric and Musical Industries, the most active, jumped 3/4 to 3-1/4.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	40.45
10 Utilities	42.87
20 Industrials	215.05
10 Rails	68.07

Adams Ex. was 2 1/4.
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 11 1/2
Smelling 5 1/2
Telephone 15 1/2
Tobacco 70
Waterworks 1 1/4
Anaconda Corp. 3 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/4
Barnard 5 1/2
Bendix Aviation 4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 3 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 20 1/4
Borden Co. 5 1/4
Canadian Pacific 16 1/2
Case, J. I. 4 1/2
Chrysler 17 1/2
Colgate 4 1/2
Commercial Solvent 17 1/4
Corn Products 6 1/2
Du Pont 7 1/2
Eastman Kodak 4 1/2
General Electric 4 1/2
General Motors 8 1/2
Goodyear 8 1/2
Hormel's 4 1/2
International Harvester 26 1/2
Paper 40 1/4
Tel. & Tel. 14 1/4
Johns Manville 4 1/2
Kohlenstein 5 1/2
Montgomery Ward 5 1/2
National Distillers 2 1/4
Lead 4 1/2
New York Central 14 1/4
Pan American Airways 10 1/4
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2
Radio Corp. 2 1/2
Real Silk 12 1/2
Remington Rand 12 1/2
Republic Steel 3 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 3 1/2
Schenley 4 1/2
Sears Roebuck 3 1/2
Socoy Vacuum 17 1/2
Southern Pacific 5 1/2
Standard Brands 2 1/4
Oil of Calif. 6 1/4
Oil of N. J. 7 1/4
Studebaker 3 1/2
Union Bag 20 1/4
Carbide 4 1/2
US Rubber 4 1/2
Steel 1 1/2
Union 1 1/2
Westinghouse 3 1/4
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 2 1/2
Con. Pub. Utilities 16 1/4
Railroad bonds stuck to a narrow range of 1/4 to 1/2. Small gains and losses were scattered. Higher in the Curb were Gobel, Kingston Products, National Union Radio, Pantep Oil, Piper Aircraft and Royal Oil. Associated Press.

BIG SLUMP IN ISRAEL POUND

New York, April 18.

The Israel Pound slumped 30 cents within the past month to US\$1.60 on Friday in New York's over-the-counter unofficial exchange market.

The price was US\$1.90 on March 15, the highest level ever reached in New York.

Par is US\$2.85, the same as the British Pound, but most banks here charge US\$2.81 for remittances to Israel.

Foreign exchange traders said today that the lack of demand caused lowered discount rates in actual currency dealings. They pointed out that this resulted from demand everywhere for dollars.

One bank said it bought five and 10 Pound Israel notes for US\$1.60 and sold them for US\$1.70 while it paid US\$1.70 for one Pound note and sold them for US\$1.85 because the latter are in demand than larger denominations. Associated Press.

MARSHALL AID AUTHORISATIONS

Washington, April 18.

Marshall plan nations have been authorized to spend \$8,443,344,000 in United States recovery funds to date, the Economic Co-operation Administration reported today.

The total includes about \$655,000,000 in ocean freight charges.

The ECA also announced the March authorizations of \$341,600,000. Machinery and equipment accounted for about 33 per cent and cotton about 21 per cent of the March total. The bill for machinery and equipment was \$113,500,000 while \$22,700,000 was earmarked for cotton.

The major beneficiary during March was France which received \$119,100,000 worth of goods and services. Italy was second with \$67,300,000 and the United Kingdom third with \$39,000,000. United Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 18.

Oil-edged bonds and foreign issues closed fractions higher in a quiet stock market today.

There was little activity among traders who were still waiting to see what economic facts Sir Stafford Cripps placed before the House of Commons in his budget speech.

Japanese bonds closed 2 1/2 points higher while Brazilian bonds maintained yesterday increases.

The Financial Times daily index: 100.8, up 0.4. Associated Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 21, 1950, will be subject to rent.

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No fire insurance will be effected.

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Money Market

US dollars made further slight gains yesterday as the closing rate touched HK\$1.13, as against the opening of HK\$1.12. TT was done up to HK\$2.34, as against HK\$2.24 at the opening.

Sterling went up five cents to HK\$16.55.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.05.

Plaster remained nominal at HK\$11.10.

Telco was unchanged at HK\$275.00.

NEI Quillers went up to HK\$4.10, after opening at \$5.70.

COPPER FOR PHILIPPINES

Tokyo, April 18.

The Tokyo Mining Company will ship 500 tons of electrolytic copper, valued at \$210,000 to the Philippines, the Jiji Press reported from Osaka today.

The contract for export of the commodity was concluded recently with the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and the copper has been received by the Philippine Government.

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"BENMACDHUI"	"	4th June
"BENALDER"	"	11th June
"BENALDER"	"	25th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENATOW"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	22nd Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	16th May
"BENMACDHUI"	Genoa, Liverpool, Avonmouth, Le Havre, & Hamburg	30th Apr.
"BENNEVIS"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	17th May
"BENNYVIVIS"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Hamburg & Hull	10th June
"BENCLEUCH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Hamburg & Hull	7th May
"BENVORLICH"	Pullin, Havre, Antwerp & Rotterdam	30th May
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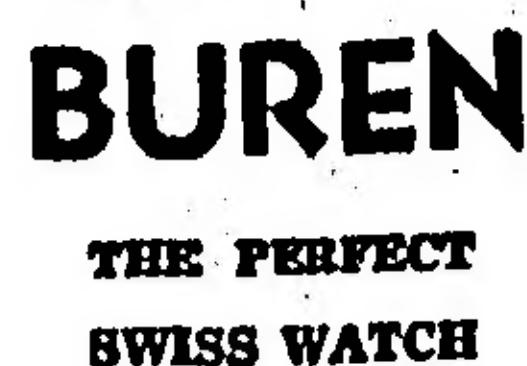
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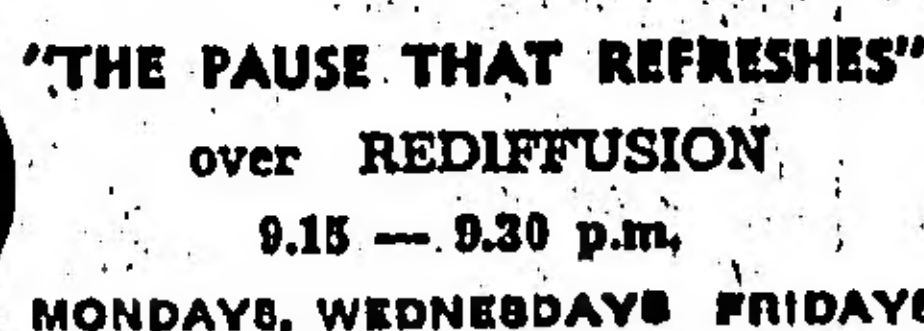
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Reserve 5 (three points for China, Singapore, and Hong Kong)

Blue Fox wins Metropolitan Handicap

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With the exception of only a few postponed games in the Inter-Hong and Midget Leagues, the Softball Association's official fixtures conclude this week, as the four Senior League teams wind up the play-off series.
